

# WORLDVENTURE

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## **Steve & Shirley Tan**

### **About us**

We met at a local church in the Chinatown neighborhood of Chicago. We have a heart to serve the children mainly from the working class. Steve was an elementary school teacher and Shirley was a high school Mandarin and math teacher. After we tied the knot in 2011, we spent the first four years of our marriage enjoying playing video games, traveling, and serving the youth fellowship. We have two beautiful children; a 4-year-old toddler named Stefany who loves school and sings songs to the Lord, and a 1-year-old named Stefen (pronounced Stephen) who loves to play with his big sister and sucks his thumb. We were appointed as missionaries to Taiwan through WorldVenture and now are in the partner development process.



### **Why mission?**

Growing up from the neighborhood, Steve saw how the kids were following in his footsteps. Parents working long hours, there is a lack of communication and social skills between parents and children, and kids wander around the neighborhood with their peers. The Lord answered Steve's prayer to become a counselor for the youth fellowship at his church. Shirley joined the ministry for her love of children. The two of us loved to serve the kids that the Lord put in our lives. God put the children of Taiwan on our hearts through our short-term mission trips. We were challenged by the missionaries on these trips who were passionately serving the Lord by sharing the Gospel with the lost.

### **Why Taiwan?**

Through our short-term mission trips to Taiwan, we fell in love with the people and culture. Less than 4% of the population are evangelical Christian. The majority of Taiwanese people will die without ever hearing the Gospel. Therefore, God has put Taiwan on our hearts and our love for Taiwan has grown ever since.

### **What will we be doing in Taiwan?**

We love children and we want to serve the children of Taiwan. Many Taiwanese children lack parental supports due to long working hours, long school and tutoring hours, affairs, divorces, and lack of parenting skills. We would like to bring our love, abilities, and experiences to help minister to these children. Some of the possible ministries we would like to be involved in are serving the missionaries' kids, running summer camps, Vacation Bible School, Sunday schools, youth fellowships, and discipling the children and youth.

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## 譚偉明&王子嬾

### 關於我們

我們在芝加哥唐人街的教會相遇。我們都有一顆服侍基層孩子的心。Steve 是一位小學老師，Shirley 是一位教授數學和中文的中學老師。我們在 2011 年結婚，最初四年，我們的時間主要花在一起玩電子遊戲，旅行和服侍青少年團契上。我們有兩個可愛的孩子，一個是四歲的 Stefany，她喜歡上學和唱歌給天父聽。另一個是一歲的 Stafen，他喜歡跟姐姐玩和吮他的手指頭。我們透過 WorldVenture 差派去台灣宣教，現在正處於拓展合作夥伴的過程中。



### 為何宣教?

Steve 看見在他社區裡的孩子們正踏上他成長的後塵：父母工作時間很長，與孩子們之間缺少溝通和互動，孩子們只能與朋友在社區裡閒晃。主回應了 Steve 的禱告，讓他在教會裡成為青少年團契的導師，Shirley 也同樣喜愛孩子，後來更一同加入了青少年事工。我們都喜歡服侍主安排在我們生命中的孩子。在台灣短宣旅程，主將台灣的孩子放在我們心上。當地熱心服侍主的宣教士們更挑戰我們一起向迷失的人傳福音。

### 為何去台灣?

透過數次台灣短宣，我們愛上了這裡的人以及文化。在這裡，福音派基督徒所佔的比例少於 4%，大部分台灣人離世之前都沒有聽過福音，因此，神將台灣放在我們心裡，而我們對台灣的愛也從那時開始萌芽。

### 在台灣做什麼呢?

我們愛孩子，因此我們想服侍台灣的孩子。由於台灣的工時長、學校和補習佔用了孩子很多時間、還有父母外遇或離婚、或是家長缺乏育兒技巧，很多台灣的孩子缺乏父母的關愛和照顧。我們希望透過我們的愛心、才能和經驗來牧養這些孩子。我們希望未來有機會服侍宣教士的孩子，舉辦暑期營會、暑期聖經班及參與主日學、青少年團契以及門徒訓練的服侍。

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