

Linda's Letter

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Dear Family and Friends, I have only ever fasted overnight for blood tests. I've never fasted in order to pray before. Have you?

On **Monday 15th March 2021**, the Donggang Church Planting team is calling on people willing and able to set aside the **Day to Pray and Fast for Donggang**. We understand that everyone will be able to commit to varying levels of prayer and fasting.

What is fasting?

"Fasting is voluntarily going without food — or any other regularly enjoyed, good gift from God — for the sake of some spiritual purpose."

Read more <https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/fasting-for-beginners>

Why fast?

The physical hunger reminds us of our spiritual needs and our need for the Holy Spirit to work.

"Fasting is a way of saying with our stomach and our whole body how much we need and want and trust Jesus. It is a way of saying that we are not going to be enslaved by food as the source of our satisfaction. We will use the renunciation of food from time to time to express that Jesus is better than food. Jesus is more needful than food."

Read more <https://www.desiringgod.org/interviews/why-do-christians-fast>

Why pray and fast?

In the Bible, prayer and fasting are often practiced together especially in bringing spiritual needs to God.

What is my involvement?

It is up to you! You may want to miss one meal, or perhaps go a whole day without using electricity. You may want to commit to spending 15 minutes praying, or two hours.

We hope the physical hunger will drive us all to spiritual hunger and prayer.

Sign up link - To commit to the day of prayer and fasting, please click the link below and fill out the form:

<https://forms.gle/8t9U2pZGF2R6mmcB9>

We will send you one email with prayer resources about one week before the day of prayer and fasting.

Yours in Partnership,

Linda AND the Donggang Team.

Southern Cross Pressies Young Adults Missions Night



MUM - is currently in hospital with RSV and breathing issues. She's come thru the worst but it'll be a road to recovery. **Please pray** for Mum's recovery and our family as we care for Mum and Dad.

EASTER SUNDAY BAPTISMS - Many people in Taiwan are happy to receive the blessings of following Jesus but are hesitant to commit wholeheartedly to following Jesus in baptism. We are still praying that various friends in Donggang will understand that following Jesus is an entire life commitment. And that baptism is a blessing from the Lord and public way of showing the community around us that we belong to Him. **Please keep praying** for various friends to be baptised. And for wisdom for team mates as they discuss baptism with friends.

VISA - Praise God it has been extended until March 2022!.

WE ALL LOVE A GOOD CAT and MISSIONS VIDEO - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gg89MY4I-DI>.

Feb - After a few days break at Mt Tamborine with friends, I spent 3 weeks at Southern Cross Presbyterian. Thanks for the encouragement guys!

MARCH - @ Casino Presbyterian Church - looking forward to church camp this weekend!

Secret FB page - 'Linda in Donggang'
Up to date prayer requests, language blunders, encouraging moments, photos - please PM me to join this page and I'll add you.