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Stories and News From Our
Urban Centers of Influence

Come n See!

Gary and a friend enjoy a hot,
tasty meal at Come n See Café

Students from a nearby university enjoy delicious Korean cuisine



“Come n See: a Café Bringing Students Closer to Christ”

Gary was just looking for a good meal.

Scrolling through Google Maps, he spotted a small café in the city—Come n See Café. The reviews were solid. Good food. Friendly atmosphere. A place where people felt at home. That’s why he came in.

Taichung City, Taiwan, is known for its rich culture and history, lively night markets, and delicious food scene. With more than a dozen universities, it’s also home to a large student population.

Originally from Korea, Pastor Soonbum Kwon, the cafe director, was deeply involved in public campus ministries in Taichung City. He forged lasting relationships

with many young people and innovatively shared God’s love with them.

Then, he saw an opportunity for off-campus ministry through an urban center of influence—a place where students could enjoy good food, find a sense of community, and learn about Jesus. This center, named Come n See Café, was established in 2022.

Pastor Kwon views his customers as his neighbors. “[Many of them] don’t know Jesus,” he says, “so we started this place so we could share Him with them. A lot of students are coming and learning about Christ.”

Some students, who became Christians because of Pastor Kwon’s campus ministry, have found employment at Come n See. Here, they have an opportunity to continue growing in their relationship with God, work without Sabbath conflicts, and minister to their friends.

Because Korean culture and cuisine are popular in Taichung City, the cafe serves



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authentic Korean dishes. Come n See also offers free Korean language classes, cooking workshops, and social events.

During the past three years, Come n See Café’s outreach has extended beyond

the student population. Families visiting the cafe also find an opportunity to discover Christ, thanks to carefully selected books in the restaurant.

Nam Dong Hyeon is a student who works part-time as a cook at Come n See Café. “One day, a mom and her kids visited our café, and the kids spotted a *Bible Friends* book on the shelf,” he shared. “While they flipped through the book, the mother relaxed and enjoyed a good meal. They began visiting our cafe regularly to continue reading the *Bible Friends* book!”

Nam Dong Hyeon believes that everyone working at the café can make a meaningful contribution to God’s work.

“I love working here because, through my service, my customers get a feel of what Jesus is like,” he says. “Our cafe is a place where we can share the gospel with Taiwanese people who are unfamiliar with God. It’s through our cafe that they come to know God’s love.”

Come n See has made the gospel accessible through the universal language of food and hospitality. Not everyone will walk into a church. But they’ll walk into a



Pastor Kwon mingles with Come n See Café workers and visitors



Students participate in Pastor Kwon's cooking class

café. Not everyone is ready for a sermon. But they're open to conversation.

Not everyone knows Jesus. But they can meet Him in everyday moments.

This is mission—where faith meets real life. And it's happening all over the world through urban centers of influence

such as Come n See Café. If you think mission is about traveling to distant places, it can be. But sometimes, it's as simple as helping a café stay open.

Joshua Sagala

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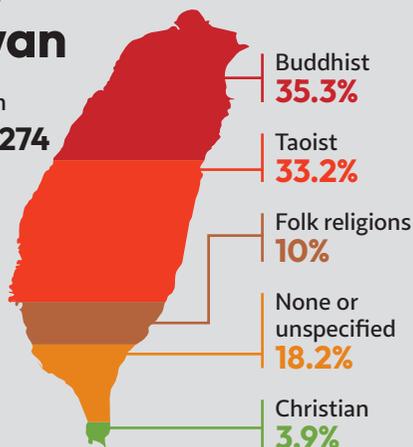


Nam Dong Hyeon, a student working part-time as a cook at Come n See, shares how the café's books are making a positive impact on entire families

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Taiwan

Population
23,595,274



"Taiwan," The World Factbook, last updated March 03, 2025
<https://www.cia.gov/the-world-factbook/countries/taiwan/>

Our Greatest Mission Challenges

Adventist Mission's three greatest challenges are the 10/40 Window, the Urban Window, and the Post-Christian Window. Come n See Café, an urban center of influence in Taiwan, is helping to address the first two challenges.

The 10/40 Window is an imaginary rectangle between the 10th and 40th parallels north of the equator. It's home to some 60 percent of the world's population, the poorest people on earth, and most major world religions.

Only 2.6 million Adventist church members are here (12 percent of the world's membership), while the rest of the world has more than 19 million.

The Urban Window is growing rapidly worldwide. There are 543 cities with a million inhabitants or more. In these cities, there is an average of 1 Adventist for every 89,000 inhabitants. The global average is 1 Adventist for every 358 inhabitants. 49 cities of a million or more people have fewer than 10 Adventists, and 43 have no Adventist presence.

Please help Global Mission plant new groups of believers among unreached people groups through the ministry of Global Mission pioneers and urban centers of influence. One hundred percent of your donation goes to the front lines of mission!



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