

I LOVE TAIWAN MISSION 2018

α The beginning

我愛台灣宣教營
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Welcome to "2018 I Love Taiwan Mission Camp: α The beginning"

Dear brothers and sisters:

On behalf of TKC Youth Ministry Center, we sincerely invite you to participate in 2018 I Love Taiwan Mission Camp (ILT).

The theme of 2018 ILT, **α The beginning**, correlates with the theme of The 55th Biblical Theology Study Camp for University Students, *First Call*. Based on Genesis, the theme of 2018 ILT allows people to review and feel the relationship between God and people, people and land, and the relationship between people. Moreover, the theme of 2018 ILT even has a strong connection with the origin of how Genesis got its name. In Old Testament of Hebrew Bible, it took vocabularies or phrases in the beginning of the chapter as the title. Genesis 1:1 "In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth", therefore, "The Beginning" became the title of Genesis. Afterwards, the Old Testament was translated into Greek and it started to name the chapters with contents. Therefore, the Greek Old Testament version of Septuagint named the chapter "Genesis". From then on, translations in different languages followed that title. That's also the origin of the chapter, Genesis, in Mandarin and Taiwanese Bible got the title.

2018 ILT is named "**α The beginning**", which has the same meaning as Genesis. 2018 ILT invites you to discover and feel the gladness of God's creation "in the beginning" with youths from different countries. God blesses every creature and human beings are entrusted by God to love and protect the world in a loyal and responsible attitude. From Genesis, people see God's plentiful images which include His leading, protection, blessing, saving, promise and accomplishment.

From 2018 I Love Taiwan Mission Camp: **α The beginning**, youths from Taiwan and other countries will receive ecumenical and local serving missions, just like Abraham, who was selected by God in Genesis 12:3: "in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed". Let us go back to the beginning when we first met God and try to know Him again, and to know more about ourselves and others. Let us experience the splendor and wonder of Taiwan and the world.

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." (Romans 15:13)

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