



FOREWORD

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After Elder Mark E. Petersen of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles dedicated Taiwan for the preaching of the gospel on 1 June 1959, he visited Hong Kong. On 9 June 1959, during Elder Petersen's visit, I was baptized a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. At the time, I was a seventeen-year-old young man, and little did I know that this seminal event would commence a lifelong association that would grant me the privilege to take part in and witness firsthand the growth of the Church in Taiwan.

My dear wife, a convert from Taiwan, would further add to our association with the members of the Church in Taiwan. In 1974, I was then working for a company that assigned me with our young family to Taipei for two years, where we attended and served in the Shihlin Branch of the Taipei District. After another two-year work assignment in England, we returned again to Taiwan, this time to Kaohsiung. I was later called as the branch president of the West

Kaohsiung Branch. These experiences allowed us to serve with and associate with the members of the Church in Taiwan.

In 1980, as a newly called regional representative with responsibility for Taiwan and Hong Kong, I had the privilege of accompanying President Spencer W. Kimball when he presided over an area conference in Taipei. Four years later, I was humbled to witness the dedication of the Taipei Taiwan Temple by President Gordon B. Hinckley. In the ensuing years, hundreds of my ancestors have had their saving ordinances performed in this sacred temple. Then, as a member of the Asia Area Presidency from 1992 to 1997, it was my privilege to visit Taiwan often. This included a visit in 1996, when I accompanied President Hinckley to the fortieth anniversary of the commencement of missionary work on the island. I could feel his great love for the Saints in Taiwan!

Throughout these years, I have witnessed that Taiwan has transformed itself into a modern, vibrant, and prosperous island. I believe this is due in part to the Restoration of the gospel, which has taken root and flourished on this beautiful land. In the midst of these changes, the faith, devotion, and sacrifice of the Saints in Taiwan has remained constant. I am grateful that the sacrifice and legacy of these faithful Saints, the hundreds of full-time missionaries, and many others who have taken part in this “marvelous work and wonder” is now documented and recorded in *Voice of the Saints in Taiwan* as a memorial and inspiration for future generations. Our sincere thanks and congratulations to the authors for compiling these valuable records into a book for us and the generations to come.