



張漪清 Chang I-Ching

Birth date and place

1917/10/02 中國廣東省梅縣 Guangdong, China

Death date and place (if applicable)

1999/08/17 中國台灣省台南市 Tainan, Taiwan

Personal background

I-Ching was born to 張卓端 and 陳勤謹 in a village of 梅縣. His mother passed away when he was three. He was raised by his uncles and aunts and grew up with his cousins (all boys) while his father was overseas doing business in Indonesia. He went to college and joined Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist army. After he moved to Taiwan, he retired and became a popular math teacher. He and his wife 邢莊 had one daughter and three sons.

He was the first stake president in Taiwan of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

Conversion story

When I-Ching was a math teacher at Hsinchu Industrial High School 新竹高級工業學校, two LDS missionaries (elders) knocked on his house. His wife answered the door and asked them to come back in the evening when I-ching and children were home from school. The elders came back and taught the family about the restored church, Joseph Smith, Book of Mormon (not translated to Chinese yet), Plan of Salvation, and more about the gospel. I-Ching took the challenge to be baptized. He wanted to join the church first before he let the rest of the family join. He committed himself to quit smoking and drinking and to keep all the commandments. Four months later, his wife, daughter (10), and the eldest son (8) were baptized. The family was very poor with his little teacher salary. They lived paycheck by paycheck, sometimes in debt. However, he gained a strong testimony of paying tithing after he joined the church. A year later, he became the first local president of the Hsinchu branch. He and his wife as Relief Society president devoted their time to magnifying their callings. They were still poor but very happy. He was offered a teaching job in Taipei seven years later. He and his family moved to YongHe 永和. Soon after, he and his wife started a tutoring school 補習班 in 永和. The business took off, and the school expanded to three cities Taipei 台北, Kaosiung 高雄, and Taichung 台中. In the 70's, he was called the president of Taipei District. In 1976, Elder Hinckley created the island's first stake. I-ching was called to be the stake president. He was very grateful for all the spiritual experiences he had when he was a leader. Matthew 6:33, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." was His favorite scripture; he also practiced it.

Emigration story

After World War Two, the Nationalists lost the war to the Communists who then took over China. Chiang Kai-shek led troops of soldiers to move to Taiwan thinking it would be temporary. However, they stayed and settled in Taiwan for good. I-Ching at first assisted

the troops to nationalize Taiwan which was governed by Japan for fifty years prior to the Nationalists' occupation.

Exemplary deeds

I-Ching was a very kind, humorous, and generous person. When his tutoring school business was successful, he provided job opportunities for his relatives, friends' children, and church members. Every Christmas he treated all the missionaries at the Taipei Mission banquet with many courses of Chinese dishes. Whenever there were church leaders visiting from abroad, he always fed them at the restaurant. When he noticed someone in need of financial assistance, he would offer some help to ease their difficult situation. Many of them would come to his house to show their appreciation. He and his wife supported all their children through college. One son went through medical school to become a doctor. They also sent their daughter to Brigham Young University in the US to get a master's degree. They freely paid every penny to grant their children's wishes. He knew that all the wealth he had came from God. He wanted to share his wealth with people he cared for and loved.

Documents and photos



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