

# PROFILE



## **LOUISE GAMBLE TAIWAN**

*Presbyterians Sharing* supports Louise Gamble as she works with our partner church, The Presbyterian Church in Taiwan to transcribe and translate reports and correspondence of the Canadian Presbyterian North Formosa (Taiwan) Mission. This includes over 7000 documents from 1868 to 1923. The initial transcription is now complete, and Louise and her colleague, Mr. Chen Kuan-chou, are working on translation. The documents will be divided into three volumes, the first of which covers the life of the first Canadian missionary to Taiwan, the Rev. Dr. George Leslie MacKay.

These documents are records of the development of the Christian Church (at that time only Presbyterian) in North Formosa, from the point of view of its missionaries. Much of the material has not been accessible to the Christian communities in North Taiwan, and is eagerly anticipated by those who want to understand more fully their roots in early North Taiwan history. The project is shared jointly by Tamkang High School and Mackay Memorial Hospital Foundation. These institutions are a direct result of Rev. Dr. MacKay's initial missionary effort.

Louise first experienced Taiwan in 1965, when, after studying Mandarin Chinese, she worked with Tayal tribal communities on the northeast coast. This work continued until 1973. She returned to Taiwan upon her retirement in 2001, and taught English at the Presbyterian Bible School in Hsinchu. In 2008 she started teaching religious education in English at Tamkang High School in Tamsui. She began the transcription and translation work in 2011.

Louise studied at Toronto Bible College and Ewart College. She was designated to the Diaconal Order of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, and served the Chinese Presbyterian Church in Montreal. Her later education in psychology and social work was at York University in Toronto, and she worked as a social worker and psychotherapist until 2001.

