



After nearly 140 days of travel, they arrived at Takao, Formosa (now Kaohsiung, Taiwan). Dr James Laidlaw Maxwell greeted them at the harbour and helped with their luggage.

“Finally! I have heard the sea between Formosa and Penghu Island is very dangerous. I am so glad you two arrived safely,” he said.

“Thank you, Dr Maxwell. I see that the missionary building and the medical clinic are nearly done.” replied Rev. Ritchie.

“Yes! It will be our first church and medical clinic in Formosa.” Dr Maxwell replied.

Keng-kòe chiong-kīn chít-pah sì-cháp (140) kang, in chóng-s̀ng kàu Tâi-oân Tá-káu--ah. Tiòh-sī hiān-chhú-sī lán ê Ko-hiông (Kaohsiung). Má-ngá-kok (James Laidlaw) i-su tī káng-kháu gēng-chiap--in, thè in kōaⁿ hēng-lí. I kóng: “Lín chóng-s̀ng kàu-ūi--ah! Thiaⁿ-kóng tī Formosa kap phēⁿ-ôⁿ tó tióng-ng ê hái-hék chin gūi-hiám. Chin hoaⁿ-hí lín n̄ng lāng pēng-an kàu-ūi.” Lí-hiu bók-su ìn kóng, “Má-ngá-kok i-su, to-siā--lí. Góa khòⁿ thoân-kàu-sū khí ê kàu-t̄ng kap chín-só[!] lóng tit-beh oân-kang--ah!” Má-ngá-kok i-su móa-pak kám-kek kóng, “Bô m̄-tiòh! Che sī lán tī Formosa thau chít keng kàu-t̄ng kap chín-só[!]”