

Warm Advent Greetings from Snowy Beijing!

December 2015

We had the joy of Giving Thanks with our church family and their friends - 175 young adults from 45 nations – Thursday night. We enjoyed pilgrim fare of spaghetti and chicken nuggets at the restaurant owned by members of our Korean congregation here in Beijing. Dayna made over 100 “pumpkin tarts” so we could



enjoy all food groups!



Our Thanksgiving!

We are very thankful for His mercies in our lives and ministries here. There are many great things happening. Personally we received good reports from health checks we had in National University Hospital in Singapore in October. We are also very grateful for your generous prayer and financial support which keeps us going here!

Lausanne Asia Pacific Conference on International Students

We joined with about 70 people from 18 nations in Singapore in late September to focus on reaching the hundreds of thousands of International students in and from Asia. We learned and shared together for 4 full days. We had 7 people from our BICF ZGC there so we're now working to apply the many things we learned. Mark shared from 1 Timothy 4 in the first session, "Students and the Local Church."

Growing Family

In November 5 new believers were baptized in our English service, they were from Ethiopia, Columbia, Kenya, China, and the USA. Four more were baptized in our now one year old Mandarin service!



Preacher's Preparation

It has been very encouraging to see the Lord raise up a number of young men in BICF ZGC for the preaching of His Word. They're the main messengers in our growing Sunday Night services. The sermons are followed by a Q & A session which becomes quite lively with our many students. Here a few of us gathered after the Sunday Night service to share about the ministry:



One weekend in November Mark taught a dozen people in a BICF Seminary class on “Sermon Delivery.” We grew together - “iron sharpened iron” - as these young leaders helped each other improve their ministry skills in communicating His Word.

Two New Elders, One New Deacon



A couple Sundays ago we prayed for the Lord to bless 2 new Elders and 1 new Deacon for our church. Notice there is only one Elder with white hair! But the Lord has given us a team that is “wise beyond their years” and are doing a great job shepherding our young flock.

Christmas Opportunities

Like churches anywhere, we are busy with Advent Readings, singing carols in the shopping centers, and passing out Christmas tracts and books. One difference here is that many of our neighbors are hearing this Good News for the first time. We will have our 5th annual “Christmas Around the World” concert in the large, open, venue of our neighbor 3-Self church on December 11 and 12. We anticipate over 3000 attendees. Pray with us about this great opportunity!

Visit to Kazakhstan



In November we had the special treat of seeing our son Josiah and granddaughter Maylee (turns 12 in January!). Dayna had 2 weeks of Grandma time – the whole of Maylee’s 2 week school break. Mark was there for a week. We also had ministry opportunities in our former congregation there and another vibrant local church. It is definitely harder to be a follower of Jesus in that part of Central Asia than in our part of China right now. Yet, the church is maturing and stabilizing through the struggles.

Again, we are very thankful for your support and prayers for our family in China, Kazakhstan, and Oregon. We pray that your family’s Christmas will be a very special one this year! Emmanuel! God is with Us!

With our Love in our Lord who became man for us,

Mark and Dayna Blair

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