

CHANGING PATHS

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Some typical Christmastime scenes include various aspects of our life and ministry: left - sharing a meal with old and new friends; center - teaching the Christmas story to one of the girls' friends from school during devotion; right - using a simple craft at Sunday School to reinforce the ultimate significance of Jesus.

While every Christmas in Korea brings new surprises, along with ways to share the happiest news of God made Man in Jesus Christ, we have always been able to look forward to certain traditions for our family and our ministry. Opening our home for a special meal in order to informally share our faith; presenting the Gospel to connections made from the girls' school; serving at our local congregation of International Lutheran Church through leading children's education and facilitating outreach and social ministries are all activities we cherish. God once again provided these opportunities, and we know we engage in them as co-workers with you. As we say often, this would not be possible without your support.

This month also brought two pieces of relevant news. After beginning studies in the fall of 2013, several changes of course, and four academic quarters apart from the family, Matt received news that he passed his comprehensive written exam for an M.A. degree from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. We give thanks to God for His grace in seeing Matt to the completion of this program. Also, we have recently learned that Matt will be assuming additional responsibilities by way of working with the LCMS ministry in Bangkok, Thailand. As this develops, we will share more details in future communications. In the meantime, we would ask you to pray for godly wisdom, timing, relationships, and guidance in this new endeavor.

Finally, we have begun to plan more seriously our Stateside Service for this summer. We are scheduled back to the U.S. once every two years and have been in the process of making arrangements for our 2018 rendition. As always, it is our goal to see as many loved ones as possible and express our sincere gratitude for the partnership that we share.

Thank you, dear friends, for your love and support in Jesus' name.



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