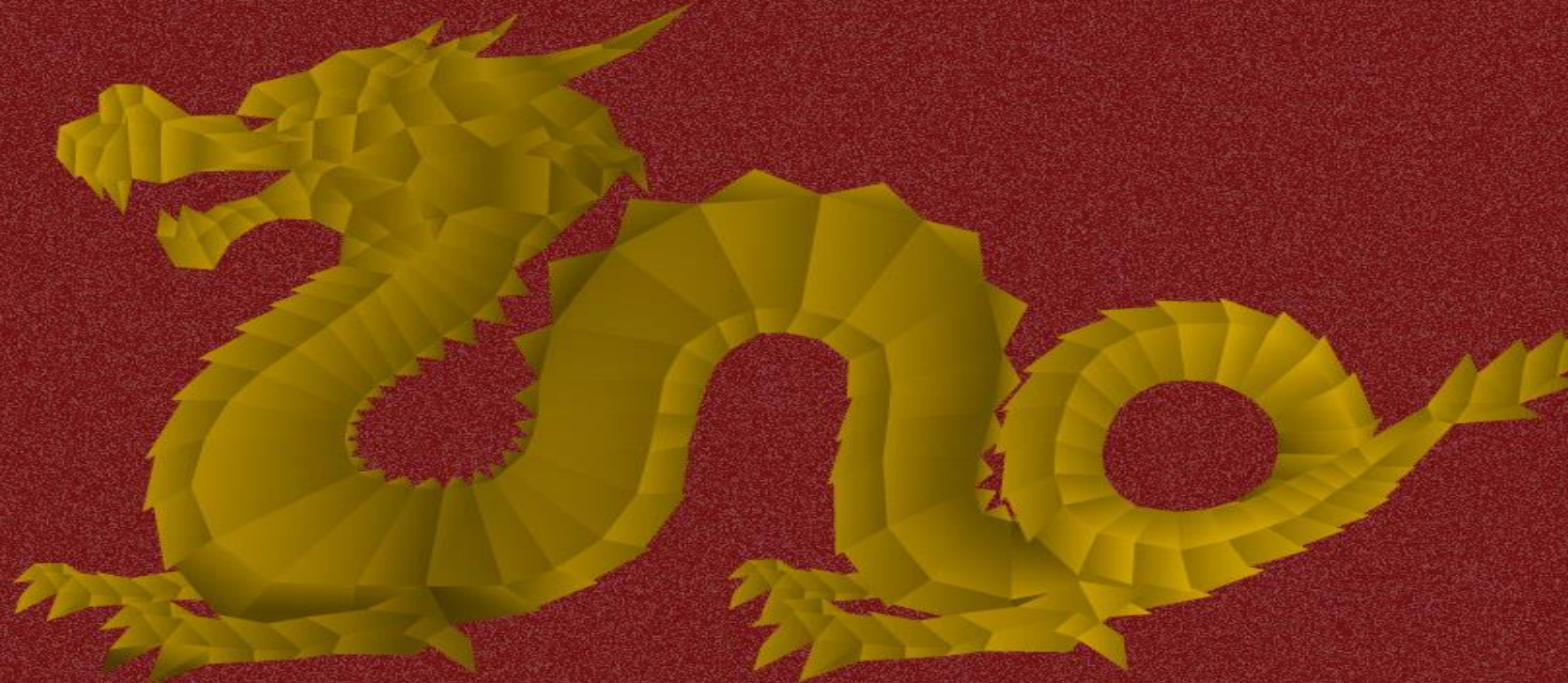




(How Well) Do You Know a Missionary?



Week 3 Discussion Questions

- What is the primary motivation for a person to leave home to be a missionary? (Then secondary, tertiary,...)
- What are some *invalid* reasons for becoming a missionary?
- What are some reasons for a missionary (family) to permanently return home?
- What are some fears you might have about becoming a missionary?
- What challenges do you think you might face as a missionary?
- What benefits do you think M children have?
- What challenges/difficulties do you think M children face?



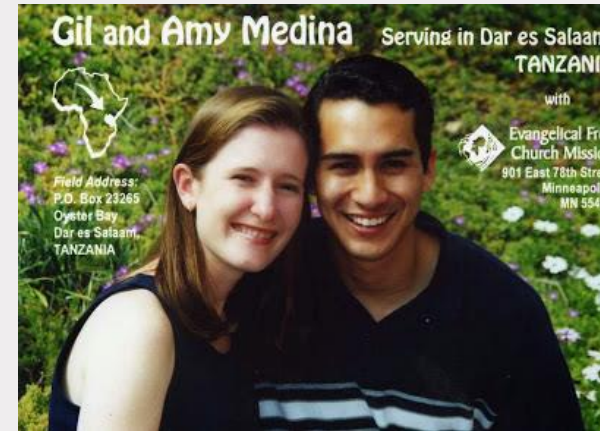
NT Example - Paul

- Why he was a missionary
 - Col 1:25–29
 - Eph 3:7–9
- His Joy
 - 1 Cor. 1.4
 - Philippians 1:18
- His attitude
 - Philippians 4:11–13
- His challenges
 - From non-believers
 - From believers
- His trials
 - 2 Cor. 11.24-28



Current Missionaries

- From Geidl's last blog (took our apartment in Chengdu). They have 6 children and the husband took a Dr. role at same Clinic Jason and Liz are at.
- From another blog from M couple in Tanzania ([link](#))
- What did you learn from these blogs?
- Video interview with
 - 3 M children in China
 - M couple in China[Videos not posted online for security reasons]
- What surprises/questions from the videos?



*Just babies....
our very first
prayer card in 2001*



Week 3 Discussion

- Roles for Christians in missions:
 - Mobilize
 - Pray
 - Send
 - Welcome
 - Go!
- Should every Christian be involved in one of these?
- More than one? (All?)
- Which are you involved in now? How would you like yourself (and your family) to be involved in the future?



Week 3 Assignment

- Adopt a missionary (family). Read their blogs/newsletters. Write to them (at least bi-weekly) to 1) encourage, 2) understand how to pray for them, 3) understand their motivations, frustrations, challenges, objectives, joys.
- If you personally know a career missionary who is now in the field, you can write to them. If not, you can choose someone you know of, for example, someone whose newsletter you get or someone our church supports.
- [I encourage you to get your family involved in your assignments.]

