Partner's Report



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From Our Heart To Yours

The last three years have been, perhaps, the most challenging in our time here in Northern Asia. We completed our itineration in June, 2008, having reached our goals in both monthly pledges and cash. Though we wouldn't find out until we received our July financial statement more than a month after our arrival, our pledge support dropped \$500 during the first two months we were back in country and, by the end of September, we were short almost \$800 per month. That trend continued throughout 2009, coming to a head in December, when giving dropped to almost \$1,800 below our budget. Since that time, we have seen our giving climb slowly up until, at present, we are back to being just \$500 under budget.



But this is no surprise to any of you. The last three years have been financially troubling in many parts of the world and in Northern California and Nevada, where the bulk of our support is raised, the economy has been particularly devastating. Like you, we have learned to examine carefully everything that we do, being prayerful in our approach to spending money in the same way that we would be prayerful about any other aspect of ministry. And like you, we have lived each month by faith – sometimes down to the last few days, praying and believing that God would provide exactly what was needed.

I don't write this to ask for your sympathy or to beg for your money, but to encourage you and lift up His name. There were many days that we looked closely at all that we were doing — looking for places to save money that we might not lose opportunities that were opening up for us. But one thing was untouchable. Missions. Yes, we give to missions. Every month we personally support several foreign missionaries as well as the Church Planters fund administered through the District Resource Center. There were many days we wondered where the next dollar would come from, but we always knew where it would not come from — our tithes and missions giving were off limits!

I believe we have been able to remain here where God has placed us these last few turbulent years only because we have remained faithful to those things to which he has called us. We want to encourage and challenge you . . . our situations and circumstances will always cry out to us in loud voices demanding our time and resources but we can't let their voice rise above that of our Father as he calls us to obedience and faithfulness to him.

We are praying for you . . .

Dave + Gayle

What are we doing?

We have been truly blessed these last thirteen years to live in the same city and to have the freedom to work with many different people and in many different situations. While being an English teacher in this restricted access country might provide a small salary to help augment our budget, it would also tie us to one specific location and limit our ability to travel outside of the city. Operating a small, non-profit foundation, however, has given us the ability to travel into many places where the gospel has not been preached, and to be a living witness of Christ to people who have, literally, never heard the name of Jesus.

Project Timothy continues to be a project dear to our heart. We are currently working on a CD-Rom that will contain a program developed by Dave that enables the user to access, but not change, ten Global University courses which have been chosen as a curriculum for developing pastoral leadership in areas where more traditional methods are less effective. The project aims to take solid Biblical training to the thousands of local house church pastors in the rural areas who have



no other means for personal or spiritual development. We are deeply indebted to the enthusiasm of the youth of Trinity Life Center, Sacramento who, under the leadership of Loren Zamora, raised \$2,500 in record time to purchase a duplicator to make this project a reality.

This year we were able to open a **Dental Training Center** in the north of our province and provide two of our international colleagues with visas to live and work in a small Muslim area. For the next few years they will have the opportunity to spend almost twenty-five hours each week with a small group of people, training them to be dentists while, at the same time, being a living incarnation of Christ in an area where his name has never yet been heard. Our thanks to ICA, Hong



Kong, who provided more than three thousand dollars to make this idea a reality, and who continues to stand in prayer for the people of this area.

Just for fun: We often receive text messages whose meanings get lost in the translation. A few weeks ago we were sent an invitation to "attend a gluttonous banquet" at our local cell phone provider (the word for a phone plan is the same as the word for a meal deal at KFC).

We hope to soon see Water in the Drought-Ridden South thanks to a generous gift from the Bolthouse family in Colorado Springs. Along with other monies that have been made available to us through Northern Asia Compassionate Touch construction will soon begin on water reclamation systems in this small, rural community. Later this year or early next year we plan to conduct dental hygiene awareness in two local orphanages as well, in cooperation with our dental training center. Please keep this project in prayer, as foreigners have traditionally not been allowed to partner with orphanages in our province.

You may remember, while in the States, that we spoke of working with local house church leaders to try and start a Bible college. Global University is working with us to put together a course of study that will provide comprehensive Bible training for local pastors. Still in the infant stages, we hope to see the various local house church networks unite together to make this dream a reality. Several leaders are already on board, but we are believing for many more.

We are also in negotiations to provide a platform for some international colleagues to move into a small city near ours. Our hope is to place them in a local hospital to serve the rural areas as Medical Doctors. There is such an incredible need here for training in this area and we are thrilled that this young family has responded to the Holy Spirit to come and live in a remote area to be the hand of God outstretched to a needy world.



Each year we are required to go for a medical exam prior to having our visas renewed. This week Gayle and I were at the international travel clinic which performs these types of exams, as well as certifying locals for international travel. The exams are performed in several different rooms by doctors in a variety of specialties.



With two tour groups each with upwards of forty participants, the facility was a mass of humanity. Thinking to do us a favor, one of the doctors took us to the front of one of the lines. By the time order had been restored and the melee had been controlled, Gayle was on the floor. We got her up and through the crowd into the examination room, dusted the footprints off her back and legs, making sure that she wasn't hurt.

We had never seen anything like that before and hope never to see it again. Gayle continues to be sore and is nursing sprains on her ankle, her wrist and her neck, but we are so thankful that God protected her from more serious injury. Please continue to remember us in your prayers for safety and health.



We just recently brought our summer English seminar to a close. It was an exciting time of stretching both ourselves as well as our participants. There were many opportunities for conversations and discussions on heart issues and spiritual themes. The city we were in sits on the edge of the desert and temperatures hovered near 110 or above for the entire three weeks. It was good to be there . . . and it was good to get back home to the air conditioner!



As always, we are deeply indebted to you for your prayers and financial support. We are here only because you have made the commitment to partner with us to bring the Good News to a far away place . . . a place nearly forgotten on the edge of the desert, in the midst of more than three million Muslims. Please continue to pray with us for God's provision and wisdom in this Great Commission to reach our world both at home and abroad. You are certainly in our prayers that God will continue to be faithful in your place of ministry.







