



Teaching Families in Ministry Class



Family Transition Event - Airport

Family Culture Event
- Open Market &
Chinese New Year

Matthew 28:19, 20 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you...”

Holly and I have the unique privilege of “making disciples” who will then go and make more disciples. Our heart is to teach those who come our way to observe all things that God has instructed us in His Word, along with the life lessons and our experience in cross culture church planting. We do this all, so that they in turn, can go to the least reached people groups of this world with the saving message of the Gospel.

In December we had the privilege of seeing 22 students finish the course and are now returning to their sending churches to prepare for the next step in their journey. As I look at the picture of the graduates I hear their voices expressing to me the different regions of the world in which they desire to work: North Asia, South East Asia, Mexico, Canada's North.

Some have decided to be a part of the team back in North America where they will be involved in equipping others to go. No matter the location, each one has a heart to see the Gospel go to where it has not yet gone.

As we reflect on this last semester, the big class, and all that was accomplished, we can't help but thank God and His people for the strength and encouragement that we received. As I wrote in our last letter, just as classes were about to begin and we were gearing up to get to know the new class, Holly came down with a bout of vertigo which, initially, forced her to stay in bed due to the extreme dizziness. In spite of these health challenges, she was able to create and run some amazing activities for the families. Culture events such as a Chinese New Year party, and an Authentic foreign open market allowed the families to experience the smells, foods, sights and language of another people group. An airport scenario, complete with Customs, Immigration, ticket



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and luggage check in agents, border control, and of course, a “plane and plane ride” gave opportunity for parents to walk through the stresses of airline travel. These events are all designed to help the family prepare for the upcoming transitions they will face as they move overseas. As we look back at the busyness of last semester’s classes, events, Seminary studies, we are so grateful for God’s grace and strength which carried us through. Thanks so much for your prayers!

Family Matters

As a family we are celebrating some special events and accomplishments. After two years of intense study while working full-time, our daughter Ruth completed her course of study with Georgetown University to be a Nurse Practitioner. She has now begun to put her skills into practice as she works at Duke University Hospital. We also are thrilled that Titus has completed his Bachelors at Liberty University. He and Alyssa continue to live in the area as Alyssa still as one and a half years yet of studies. Please pray with us that Titus can find work in his specific field of study. The job market in his area is pretty poor. Another special event was the birth of our seventh grandchild, born on December 5, 2018. Layla Elise is the second daughter, and fourth child of Seth and Camille. What a precious gift from God!

It has been many years that we had been hoping to travel to Australia to visit my older brother Murray. Well this dream finally came true during our recent Christmas break. Tickets were graciously purchased for us and we embarked on a journey “down under.” Although it was a wonderful time it was not under the best of circumstances as he had recently announced that he had stage 3 cancer. As you can imagine, as good as it was to see him this definitely cast a somber shadow on the visit.

Once again, we thank you for your part in our lives and ministry. Our heart is to be about our Father’s will here on this earth and we thank you for cheering us on in life. Your prayers and financial support are so appreciated and needed. The journey isn’t always easy and there are many challenges. It is in those times we are often reminded of those standing with us and cheering us on. Thank-you!

Serving together,

Vern & Holly Dyck

