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Wiesenaus Family Update from ~~Asia~~ U.S.A.



We Have Entered the Mission Field

We're back. But we have not left the field. We re-entered the U.S. mission field safe and sound on March 12. We are still missionaries wherever we go! We now join another group of missionaries who together are called Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Holland Michigan. The fields are ready for harvest in West Michigan! Thank you for continuing to pray for us, that God would equip us to be bold and faithful witnesses here. The place may change, but God's mission does not. 愿荣耀归给我们的父神! To Our God and Father be all glory!

Saying Goodbye

On March 11, after almost 6 years in China, we traveled to the airport with about a dozen friends, brothers and sisters in Christ. We checked our 13 pieces of luggage, exchanged hugs, said goodbye, and with some tears we walked through immigration and headed to our gate. It is difficult to describe the emotions of such a final farewell. Just like that, it is suddenly over. Saying goodbye doesn't get any easier the more one does it—it gets harder each time. However, we are grateful for each relationship God blessed us with, and we have seen God work in all of those relationships for His glory and His kingdom. God did use us to grow his kingdom (that's why we went in the first place). What we didn't expect was how the Wiesenaus family would be profoundly blessed and changed through these relationships. Saying goodbye is not easy, but there is much to be thankful for as we move on. Thank you to the people of China, especially Yunnan Province, who God used to bless us.



The Road Ahead

We hit U.S. dirt April 12. In the weeks following we will do some of the obvious things: look for a place to live, start connecting with our new church home, get to know our new community, and I will be installed on April 17. Some of the less obvious "things" include culture shock, missing our lives in China, re-adjusting to American ways, and for our kids experiencing life in the U.S. beyond our short furloughs. Many people are unaware that the challenges and adjustments called culture shock last well over a year, and the ups and downs associated with it can be subtle yet impactful. Please pray for us not just for the unpacking and settling in, but also for the long haul over this next year. No doubt, He will sustain us through this as He has through everything else. Thank you for helping us by prayer!



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Thank You

From the day we joined the foreign field, we have been graciously held in the Father's hands and the same Heavenly Father blessed the work of our hands. We were also helped in countless ways through your prayers. It is hard to find adequate words to express the thanks we feel for your support during our time overseas, during furloughs, through various challenges... and many joys. To borrow the words of Paul to the Thessalonians, let us simply say this: We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers..." Please continue to lift us up as we transition to Holland, Michigan. You will certainly continue to be in our prayers.



Pray for Us

- We need to find a place to live quickly. Oh Lord, do not delay!
- Give thanks. We found a van!
- Ask for Him to sustain us and guide us during this transition. Pray for key transition dates.
- There is no one to replace us in China. Ask that He provide a way to sustain and bless the people and ministries we leave behind.

STAY IN TOUCH

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