

Lynns4Life

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Dear Friends

Thanks for your patience in waiting for this latest newsletter. We are now officially "retired," can hardly believe it, and we are waiting to see what God has for us to do next. Meanwhile, we're keeping busy with church and life activities. We are still trying to find our footing in this new world in which we live. We don't know yet if we're in our final place or if there is another move around one of the corners of life. So we're praying and anticipating that God isn't finished with us yet.

In April, a friend from Germany whom we haven't seen for years came to visit old acquaintances in the U.S. and we all took a COLD trip to the tulip fields near Seattle. The picture on the left is one taken on that trip. Maybe if you look closely enough you might see some ice on the flowers. By the time we had walked around the garden, Sam was so cold his fingers had literally turned white. They looked like the hands of a dead man. He has a circulation problem called Reynaud's Syndrome. It was a good thing the Lord sent us to India and not Siberia, although Marie would have liked the cold.

We took part in a mini-mission conference for children in April. Each child was given a passport which each



missionary 'stamped' with a sticker before they moved on to another missionary table. When the mini-conference was finished each child who had all the stickers from various countries in his or her passport got a door prize. It was a neat idea (one we have heard since that other churches have implemented) and we pray that

some who attended were stimulated to think about the possibility of missions in their future. With all the crazy stuff that's happening in our world today, we need more and more people who will commit their lives to reaching out to others with the truth about Jesus. Even if we cannot get into other countries, we live in a country where the world comes to us. We have a mission field right here, without visa restrictions. Please pray that more and more will realize how little time we have left to obey the Lord's last command, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you..."* *Matt. 28:19-20a*

Then early in May, we took a trip to Montana where we reported to a church that supported us when we were on deputation and in India. We are rediscovering how blessed we are with friendships born out of the ministry God gave us. Marie spoke to ladies who attended an annual Mother/Daughter Tea on May 6th and on May 8th Sam shared about our ministry in India and preached in the morning worship service. We had Q and A time for the evening service with a lot



of interesting questions revealing the interest of the folks who turned out. Then, for two or three days we relaxed and enjoyed before coming home. We took a drive and saw a bear that looked like he had just climbed out of his winter cave, had a great hike into Avalanche Lake in the mountains and ate huckleberry ice-cream with friends...all the fun things one does in Montana.

Since returning home, Sam has resumed teaching the adult Sunday



school class and we are moving on with the various activities that make up life and ministering where God gives us opportunities.

Julia Li prayed to receive Christ as her Savior just before Christmas, 2015.

She is growing by leaps and bounds and is always hungry for more. She is a real student of the Word and one whom God prepared in China, even before she attended the



International Bible Study sponsored by our church. He does indeed work in marvelous ways! Leading her to the Lord was as easy as falling off a log – literally! God did it all and allowed Marie to pray with her! WOW, what a Christmas gift!

We are very grateful that we have been able to participate in this study and have hosted it in our home a few times. We feel this is



a special group of young people this year. Most of them have some history with Christianity in their family back-grounds. When Julia

received Christ, she called home to make sure that her family would approve and her mother said, "Sure, why not? You've always been interested in the Bible." Her husband also was very comfortable with her taking that step of faith because of her life-long quest for God. Another young man, Daniel (front row on the left), also received Christ in early February and told us that his grandfather attended and had taken him to Catholic Church when he was little. The family is fine with his new faith. Please pray for his understanding. His English isn't as good as Julia's so he has more

difficulty understanding biblical principles. But he had no doubt that trusting Christ was right and asked us to pray with him.

As we close our letter, we want to thank all of you who are still supporting us. Retirement is a challenge and we're grateful for all who have determined to stick with us in the days/years to come. We are asking God to help us live wisely with what He provides in our retirement years.

For those who have had to leave our financial support team, we thank you for the years you gave to help us stay on the field and do the work to which He called us. We will never forget your love and support that made our work in India possible. Please stay in touch with us, and if there is ever a prayer need or some way we can be of service to you, let us know. We would hate to have any of you just fade away into our memories.

If you would, please pray that God will continue to use us and that He will enable the funding of the BSSI campus. That need weighs heavily upon our hearts.

Meanwhile, we will pray for you and continue to do what God puts in front of us.

Still Rejoicing in the Lord,

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Beautiful day, perfect reflection on Lake McDonald, Glacier National Park