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A news letter from the Gregsons

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Greetings in the matchless name of Jesus!

So much to say and so little space! Where to begin? -- war on terror, a move, a visit by Doug's brother, a trip to Taiwan, a 7.0 earthquake, holiday season beginning, furlough planning etc.

Afghanistan

At this time of war, some have asked if any TWR programming is going out that those in Afghanistan can benefit from. TWR airs more than 23 hours per week of Farsi Gospel programs by shortwave and medium wave, and 45 minutes per week of Dari. According to a UPI report: "Small clandestine Christian congregations are slowly spreading in remote villages of Afghanistan. This development feeds chiefly on three sources: Afghanis encounter local Christians in refugee camps in Pakistan; Christian shortwave radio stations broadcast programs in Pashtu, Dari and Farsi, the principal Afghan languages; and thousands of Bibles in these languages are smuggled into the country."

A Move

Our lease was up at the house we were in for the last two years and we decided, in anticipation of the expansion of our family, that we would move to a bigger place with a small yard. That move happened just before our trip to Taiwan (see below). Doug's brother, David, was visiting at the same time as these events and was a great help and encouragement to us. Just prior to our move we were rattled by an earthquake of a magnitude of 7.0. We thank God for His protection during the earthquake as well as the typhoons in the area that missed Guam!

Adoption News!

The Lord has been unfolding His wonderful plan to us and we are enjoying the process. Along with Doug's brother, David, we visited Baby Joy-- the eight month old little girl that we are planning to adopt! What an incredible visit we had at The Home of God's Love in Taiwan where she is staying in the meantime. We found Joy to be a very strong, healthy and contented baby. We were pleased with the love and care she is receiving and our hearts were forever touched by our new friends who serve the Lord by caring for the children there. They shared very vibrant testimonies of how God has provided their every need. "And my God will meet all your needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus." Phil. 4:19



Sarah and Joy in Taiwan

Unfortunately, the adoption process is a lengthy one and will take a few months more to complete, so it was very hard to say goodbye. Though Sarah had brief moments of jealousy and regression, we were so pleased and proud of how well she did with it all. She is going to be a wonderful big sister! She, too, received a lot of attention from the older kids at the orphanage. They were especially taken by her fair skin, blonde hair and blue eyes and were constantly touching her hair and skin. People stopped us on the street a couple times just to take her picture.

Shortwave Radio

Our various Chinese broadcasts are targeting mainland China, hopping over Taiwan. However, since we are at a good period for shortwave radio propagation we were able to pick up our Chinese broadcasts loud and clear while in Taiwan. It is always a joy to hear our broadcasts getting through. At the same time that we were in Taiwan, a group from Guam and Singapore were travelling around China to monitor how our broadcasts were getting through.

You may wonder, **Is shortwave still viable?** The answer is a resounding **Yes!** -- particularly in Asia. Merlin, owner of British Broadcasting Company (BBC) wrote "There are at least 600 million short wave radio sets worldwide. In one factory in China, 30,000 new radios are being manufactured a day. Shortwave radio is on the brink of renaissance. Latest research shows that shortwave listeners are growing globally, with shortwave penetration at its highest in developing countries."

TWR 's First Women of Hope Listener Letter from North Korea

"I thank you for your radio program which blesses me daily. Through TWR-Korea, I received a radio as a gift this March. As I listen to your touching broadcast, I feel God's amazing grace and experience my life changing. If that is not enough, I now have comfort in my heart, a renewed sense of hope, unspeakable help, and everlasting wisdom. A blessing such as this must not be kept a secret, so I have told everyone I know to listen to this miraculous blessing. I will continue to faithfully pray that through TWR-Korea, God's gift of salvation will be declared and His kingdom will be expanded."

Holidays



"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.... For unto us a child is born... Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." (Isa. 9)

Let us take this opportunity to wish you a blessed Christmas season. We are writing this in mid November to get to you in December. We plan to spend Thanksgiving morning at a potluck at the beach with our church family but have not yet made our Christmas plans. It will be 2002 before we send another letter so we may as well wish you a Happy New Year as well! We appreciate each of you so very much!

Furlough in 2002

We would like to meet with as many of you as we can during our upcoming furlough (May - Sept 2002). Please get in touch with us regarding a date that might work for you.

Warmly in Christ,

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