

In God we make our boast all  
day long, and we will praise  
your name forever.  
Psalm 44.8

## update ...

It is early July as I finally sit down to write to you all and give an update of what we have been doing since we last saw you or wrote to you. We finished our itineration time in May, said goodbye to friends and family and began our trek back to Asia.

We first stopped in Japan for 3 days so we could prepare our stored household items for shipping. We had a very small window of opportunity and we were trying to work around the shipping company. We spent 2 days working on this, expecting the company to come on the 3rd day, only to hear from them that they could not do be there. We had to scramble to find a new company and were so thankful to find one who came out to assess the shipment on the day we were to leave Tokyo.

We arrived in Manila on June 6 and spent a couple days there meeting some of the AGMF staff people, getting paper work ready for visas, etc. People have told us that Manila has two seasons — hot and hotter, so we were definitely in one of those while we were there. We were very thankful to be able to head up the mountain to Baguio City, where APTS (Asia Pacific Theological Seminary) is located. It took us about 15 minutes to unpack as we arrived with only one suitcase each. It was a pleasure to finally put those suitcases away and even though things looked pretty sparse, at least we didn't have to think about packing up and going anywhere else for a while.

**PRAYER NEEDS:**  
Laura and Elsbeth have been able to be with us this summer. They are helping us settle in as well as working in the library in whatever capacity they are needed. They will be leaving in August to go back to Southwest Missouri State. Please pray for their health and safety. Please especially pray for Laura as she finishes SMS in December and embarks on a whole new stage in life. It is scary and exciting for her all at the same time. . .

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David started teaching Pentateuch during this first trimester. He has been making good use of the large amount of research material he gathered while in the U.S. and has been working hard on his own studies. He also is enjoying working with other teachers on use of the internet and technology in the classroom.

Anna has taken on the responsibility for the library — which is proving to be a test of patience and learning a whole new set of skills.

The community here in APTS is very kind and open and friendly and it has been a pleasure to form associations with so many wonderful people. The students come from many different countries and the variety of cultures sort of meld into one new one in which we can either constantly insult one another or else learn from each other and appreciate the many differences God has put in us. We have enjoyed the summer weeks we have spent here in the past, and are very glad to be a more permanent part of this particular ministry. We look forward to what God is doing here and what he will continue to do in the future. We are gradually settling in and feeling like this could become home.

## THANKS SO MUCH FOR YOUR CARE

We thank you for the birthday cards David received in April as well as the many anniversary cards we received in June. We have been married 28 years now ... our anniversary was spent in Tokyo packing and we were remembering many other years in which our celebration was done amid packing boxes, string, tape, etc. We are thankful for the grace of God that has brought us this far.



Your Missionaries,

I am sending this letter via email to many the churches and missions leaders who requested it. I will send a hard copy as well this time but if you prefer to receive only an email copy of this letter, please send me a short note stating this. I want to make sure that everyone receives updates in the version they prefer. If I don't hear from you, I will send the hard copy as well as the emailed copy. If you are receiving only a hard copy and would prefer the email, please send me your address and I will change it for you. Technology is great when it works, so please let us know if this is working for you.

A matter of concern & need. . .

It has been interesting to move into a new phase of ministry at APTS. We are impressed with the work that goes on here. The men and women who come to APTS are leaders and ministers already in their home countries and are here to further their education so they can better fulfill the great commission when they return. It is a privilege to be involved in their lives during this time of preparation for the future.

One vital avenue used in their studies is the APTS library. Many of the students do not have a large personal library, and access to biblical studies books is limited. Although the library here is impressive, there are many areas in which it still needs to grow. Libraries are like entities that are constantly evolving to keep pace with new material as well as to meet the needs of the people who use it. The library receives the majority of its funding from BGMC. This is enough to add a minimal number of books and to maintain the journals and periodicals. The library has about 50,000 volumes but we need to continue to add to these as some are discarded or as multiple copies are shared with other schools. At this point we would like to build up a variety of standard works such as the Loeb Classical Library, Cambridge Companion to the Bible, non-Assembly of God Pentecostal works, Cambridge Companion to Barth, etc. We are also looking toward the future when we will have a new building and would like to equip it with metal shelving, carts, etc.

We were asked by several churches this past year if we had any projects they could help with. The needs of the library are many and varied and this is definitely a project that any church or individual could help with. If there is any way you can help us build up this area, or if you would like to have more information, please feel free to email me. I would be glad to help with explanations and let you know how you can help.