

April 7, 2021

Spring update from the Winklers

“By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.” *1 Corinthians 3:10-11*

The above verses were recently the subject and study for our Missional Enterprise Leadership Team. During our time we wrestled with many questions. What are we seeking to build? What does our work with Jesus Christ as the foundation look like? Considering that we should build with “care”; knowing our skills, gifts and character are incomplete; what is it about character, skills and gifts that make us dependent on God and interdependent on one another?

The beauty about working in a difficult region, where the gospel is usually first seen before it is heard, is we are propelled into situations where our relationships in our enterprises naturally stir up opportunities to share the gospel and read the scriptures together. In our missional enterprises, it is wonderful to see men and women working daily side by side who are being challenged in their faith. As we seek to build His church, we ask for your prayers that we build carefully, with wisdom, on the foundation of Jesus Christ.



Andrew



Ellen



Max & Chloe



Mitch

SUMMER PROGRAMS: Because of the time constraints on International travel we will not be able to have a team in June which keeps us from recruiting college students. Thankfully, we do have a team of collegiate Navigator staff who are able and willing to go. Because of this, our summer

camps will look different this year. There will be 2 parts; one focused on discipling new believers, and one on evangelism. We hope to be able to pull them off! We have moved them from June to July to give us more time for International travel to open and for us to get our visas. The pictures on the previous page are of the staff who plan to go. We ask for your prayers as we move forward in faith.

OWEN: For the last couple of months Owen has been pressured to marry a girl his parents have chosen. As the youngest of 4 brothers, Owen will inherit the family home and the responsibility of caring for his aging parents. He is a believer and had decided to choose a believing woman as his wife, but his family is opposed to him marrying a "stranger"; so they intervened with their own choice from their family network. Family pressure and his own desires create tension every day. When the girl's family found out about his faith in Jesus unexpectedly, he admitted to them that it was true. Meanwhile, Owen has been devastated that he caused great shame on his whole family. Under extreme pressure he said he would do whatever his family wants. His family has announced his engagement to a girl of their choice and has pressured him to renounce his belief in Jesus. May he put on the full armor of God and listen to His voice alone. (Eph 6:11)

HEALTH UPDATE: Some complications have arisen with my ribs and especially my shoulder. I recently had an MRI which shows a lot of scar tissue and newly developed arthritis forming. I will be getting cortisone shots in order to work through the pain of the necessary continued physical therapy. Even with limited mobility and the pain, I took my first flights this month. I was able to travel to Minneapolis, Chicago and New York. I am praising God that it was not too bad and am preparing to begin traveling again internationally this summer. Thank you as always for your continued love and prayers as I move forward in my healing.

Thank you for your love & prayers,

Doug & Denise!