

Holiday greetings from Bonnie,

November/December 2013

The vibrant leaves have almost disappeared here in Wilsonville, Oregon. (BTW, Wilsonville is half way between Portland and Salem on Interstate 5.)

Thanksgiving is this week and Christmas is just around the corner. Where has time gone? Yet I am reminded of all God's blessings that surround me and that no matter what each season brings, **"I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS, MY GOD AND ON HIM I LEAN AND RELY AND IN HIM I CONFIDENTLY TRUST."** Ps. 91:2



The past few months, I have been invited to various churches, university

chapels, and retirement centers. I have tried to share what God is doing IN and THROUGH me here in Oregon, as well as some letters that arrived recently from Asia. Here is a short excerpt from one of the letters that I thought would encourage your heart, as it did mine.

Dear Bonnie,

May peace and joy be with you! Maybe you don't remember me now, but I will never forget that I was moved and cried when you told me the word "pray". I...studied in (your) city and met you in... church in 2011. I was baptized on January 1st, 2012, about one year later after that time. I'm very grateful that I can know Jesus and live in Him, and I always miss you and remember you

when I tell others my witness. I'm so grateful! ...

We never know how God will glorify HIMSELF as we faithfully serve HIM! PTL!

Working with fellow believers in various ways at two churches where I worship has provided Christian fellowship and a blessed opportunity to grow in HIS love and wisdom. However, building this fellowship chain is taking more time and effort than I expected. It is not easy to pick up where I left off seven years ago, especially after moving twenty miles from Newberg and into a retirement community far from any university and my friendship base.



My ESL teaching and the English corner at George Fox University has opened up a few opportunities to be with special Asian students and visiting scholars. Generally speaking these contacts have helped off set the heartache from being away for my beloved students, friends, and English Corners in Asia.

However, the majority of students here in America, both international and American, seem to care very little for mission work either here or abroad. After eight weeks of tireless effort, the GFU English corner has stirred little, if any, interest. My Chinese students spend much of their free time chatting with their friends in Asia or playing computer games and watching movies. I am continually challenged to find ways to compete with these electronic genies.



AND NOW, I just learned that my GFU position is only for this semester. I have NO IDEA what new ministry opportunities this New Year will hold. Your prayers and loving support are needed more than ever. Coming back, after teaching in Asia for seven years, is much more traumatic than I ever imagined.

Needless to say, these past few months back in Oregon have been challenging. I know that I must FLEX and be ready to adjust to all the changes. Yet, at times, I fear that if I bend too much farther, I might break. I've been warned that generally "re-entry" takes time and can be painful. I just didn't expect it would affect me this deeply!

Nevertheless, I am so grateful and praise God for all His Mercy and Grace. I could never have come this far without HIS STRENGTH and PEACE. I am also VERY THANKFUL for your continued loving financial support and prayers over the past 20 years as I have worked with OMS, One Mission Society. Without you, I would never have been able to serve HIM as well both abroad and now here in the Northwest. Even though I don't know where HE IS LEADING, I am looking forward to learning and experiencing new avenues of ministry and also continuing to work together with you, my special OMS team. I am both honored and blessed.



NOW, I am asking that God will bless you and your family, while flooding your hearts with HIS PEACE and JOY through out this holiday season and New Year. Jesus truly is the reason for THIS SEASON and all the future seasons of our lives. PTL!!!

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