

Blessings from Newberg:

January 24, 2013

More than three weeks have passed since I returned to Oregon, January first. My trip to Republic, Washington was blessed with my brother, Bob's ability to be alert and clear headed most of the four days I was there. This was totally unexpected and again proved how much God loves us. Bob continues to be in extreme pain and on Hospice, but at the moment he is holding his own. PTL!



The last two weeks have been a whirlwind of activity, including helping with the "*Mission Connexion*" and visiting my son and his family in



Washington, last weekend. I have also been able to share at three churches and meet many friends, while also finding a place to relocate permanently in Wilsonville, when I return in July. PTL!! **My Newberg condo is now up for rent**, since my house sitter left last week! I now must move as soon as it is rented or before I return to Xian, February 25th. Please remember me!!!

I am also contacting key individuals who work with hundreds/ thousand of international students in universities south of Portland. i.e. Willamette and Oregon State. **My dream is to start weekly 'English corners', next September, in four or five universities.** I am praying to use a similar format that I have used in Xian these past five years. However, is a joy to see what is already established and working well on a number of campuses. But, there's so much more that can be done, including, I feel, my English corner idea. The myriad opportunities to touch these top students from other countries are thrilling!

Beside this volunteer work, I am also applying to **teach Freshman English part-time** to internationals before they enter their regular university classes. I feel that my teaching experience and my active Oregon teaching license will be beneficial, allow additional foreign contacts, and add credibly to my volunteer work. This is **ALL in HIS HANDS**.



AND in four weeks, I return for my **LAST SEMESTER (March to July) in XIAN**. This feels almost unbelievable. Yet the exciting possibilities that are opening up this coming fall are helping offset the heartache of leaving the people and the country I have come to love and call home for the past six years. How I covet your remembering me in all of this.

Alice is facing a second surgery on her right arm and wrist January 28th. That is why I am writing this a bit early. I am asking that she once again format the few photos that I am including and using her talent, get this letter to you before the surgery. She is such a blessings and I want to say **"Thank you, Alice"**, one more time.

So I close with the prayer that you will be blessed as you continue to remember my work both here and in Xian! I need your support and prayers more now than ever. I feel that the challenge in the NW even exceeds what I do in Xian. Together, in HIS STRENGTH, we can **change the world** by touching these future leaders who are studying here in the NW! What JOY to be working together in this, **HIS GREAT CHALLENGE!** Bless you today and forever. ☺

My cell phone number while I am here in the US (now thru Feb 25th) is 503-730-7944, or my land-line is 503-538-4426. And you can always reach me via email- bonniesteinborn2@yahoo.com or by postal mail - 1100 N Meridian St #31, Newberg, OR 97132 (it will get forwarded to Wilsonville if I move before the 25th)

For the only cause that matters, EVER

Bonnie