



## Holiday Greetings from Bonnie!

2014

It is hard to believe that I have been back from Asia for 18 months. Last year at this time, I was finishing the work inside the house and teaching Chinese at GFU. This year, the focus has been on the yard and asking where God was leading for both teaching and ministry. I have been challenged to write a book and even started my own blog [www.bonniesteinborn.com](http://www.bonniesteinborn.com). I praise God that the yard helped as I waited for His direction, and it served as inspiration for my writing.



During this year, I have knocked on many doors, (a few opened, but, most remained solidly closed). I spoke at various places, entertained over 150 friends and internationals (including three wonderful Belarus teachers for three weeks), attended three Bible studies a week, traveled for four days to Massachusetts and two trips to One Mission Society (OMS) in Greenwood, Indiana. The January visit was to receive OMS counsel and direction for my future ministry. The one in August was to attend the 20<sup>th</sup> reunion of the CoMission in Russia.



During this summer, I applied and was accepted at International Students, Inc. (ISI). I am now on the Northwest ISI staff. This is in partnership with OMS. Putting it simply, I am still officially with OMS, but on loan to ISI for ministry. Everything financially, support/administration-wise remains with OMS!

Being part of the ISI staff is a joy. God is starting a new work in me, and I am excited and humbled. He is not through with me yet! PTL Here are a few of my new responsibilities:



\* Weekly meetings with Chinese pilots: hospitality, friendship, sharing food, American customs and culture, music and spiritual emphasis.

\* Encouraging university students to be aware of the internationals around them and stressing these statistics: 80% of the internationals return home without ever seeing the inside of an American home, and 90% of them return to their country without ever being in an evangelical church.

\* Teaching ESL to international students

\* Assisting with the International Women's Fellowship at the Worldview Center in Portland.

\* Coaching Christian international student discussion leaders at the National ISI True Leadership Retreat in the Salem area between Christmas and New Year.



Returning from East Asia has not been easy. Waiting for God's direction has not been easy. Knocking on closed doors has not been easy. Trying to write a book has not been easy. Writing a daily blog without knowing if anyone is reading it, has not been easy. Life, this year, has not been easy.

**But God** has not promised an *easy road*. He commands only that I wait or follow as He leads. He promises that what HE starts in me, He will complete... I am only to rest, wait, pray, and be ready to move when He calls. It is HIS work, HIS time, and all to His Glory.

Praise God, He is faithful! However, He is not the only one. Without you, your love, faithful support, prayer, friendship, and financial giving, I would not be where I am today. You mean so much to me. I would love to tell you *Thank You* personally. I look forward to hearing how God is working in your life. Email, phone, my blog, letters, and personal visits are all great options. Please don't hesitate.

There is about one month left of 2014. The holidays are coming. I pray that God will richly bless and keep you, encouraging you as you have me. May we look to HIM alone for strength and peace amidst all this world's strife and unrest! May God bless us "every one" and give us HIS peace and joy!



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