



November- December Prayer Letter

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Goals:
Evangelism
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Church Planting

Go ye therefore,
and teach all nations,
baptizing them
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Ghost:
teaching them to observe
all things whatsoever
I have commanded you
Matthew 28:19,20

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I don't know if you are in the habit of making a pros and cons list for different decisions or to help find a silver lining in what seems to be a "high con" situation. A small example of a list we made in these last two months involves covid. While a con on this list is that France requires masks to be worn in all indoor public spaces (which includes language school), a pro would be that we don't have to kiss strangers with the French cheek kiss greeting known as "La bise". At least one good thing has come from this situation. Here is the google translate picture of a sign found here in the public transport.



As far as another list, a con is that we have been battling sickness for most of these past two months. A large part is due to Adelynn being in daycare where sickness spreads often. We would appreciate your prayer that we can stay healthy this coming year.

The pros for these past two months have definitely outweighed that con. First of all, we are so grateful for you and your support of our family. Many of you sent extra support for Christmas, sent cards or packages, and encouraged us as these were our first holidays away from home. Another thing which helped being away from home this holiday season is that my parents (the Clays) were able to visit. They were here for 11 days and we thoroughly enjoyed their visit.

As for the language learning process, we took our exams at the end of this semester. Although we started 3 weeks late, our teacher moved quickly to try to catch us up in a short amount of time. We praise the Lord for helping us to acquire the language as we were able to do well enough on the exams to move up to the next class. We would appreciate your prayer that we can continue to learn quickly as we are going to be skipping some things in order to move up.

In the last letter, I had asked you to pray for Tenzin. These past two months the Lord provided different opportunities to give her the gospel. In fact, she was often the one to start the conversation and ask questions. One opportunity was when we explained Thanksgiving to her. We were able to have multiple meals with her and talk, but the most notable was when one of our classmates had us all over right before Christmas. She is only familiar with Catholic churches and so we were able to explain the main difference which is salvation through Christ and not works. She asked us how we became Christians, and we were able to go around the table and give our testimonies. Please continue to pray that she will soon have a testimony of putting her trust in Jesus Christ.

As always, I want to remind you that we know we could not be here without your faithfulness. We do not take it lightly and are grateful that the Lord has given us some amazing people to work with. We hope you have had a great holiday season and we look forward to this new year!

-Josh, Alyssa, and Adelynn Clay

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