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Looking back at pictures from this time last year, we are so amazed at how our little children are growing. Emily is being transformed into a young lady, Ryan is taller with a less round face and Michael isn't a baby anymore! The Lord is always good to us in so many ways, gently leading us and providing for our needs.

Thank you for being part of His provision through your prayers. **We are so thankful, too, for dear brothers and sisters in Christ who participate in the Great Commission through sacrificial giving... Due to your faithfulness we are able to pursue His calling on our lives to "make disciples of all nations".**

We want to give you a picture of how prayer and investment in our lives is having an eternal impact through our ministry...

At Grace Community Bible Church recently, we were encouraged and affirmed by comments from the pastor's wife. She marveled at how God had led us to transform the way we are doing ministry and how the vision for how our ministry ought to look is being fulfilled in reality. All praise be to our Father in Heaven! He has enabled us to use hospitality more in our home and other natural settings, to include our children in the work and joy of ministering and to fully integrate what we are doing with the local church.

Last Sunday night, we sat around the table at our church small group while the children played happily downstairs. Usually we have a Bible study, but this was a carry-in dinner in Alice's home and we just enjoyed one another's company. Oh how we laughed together! Three of the six adult internationals in the group are not yet believers, but they are getting a full dose of the love Christ enables.



C.J., one of the seekers, came for the first time without his wife, Mei-Lin. He doesn't always come with Mei-Lin and their girls to small group, but when he does, he has excellent, probing questions. Currently, Mei-Lin is in Taiwan with her mom, recovering from surgery. We were able to pray for her as a group before she left, and we could see that both she and C.J. were deeply touched. Mei-Lin desperately wants C.J. to embrace Jesus as his Savior. We're thrilled that he feels enough a part of the group that he was willing to come on Sunday and bring the girls to play with Emily.

With or without us present, these families will continue to meet and pursue Biblical understanding together under our friend Jim's expert teaching. We will continue to make time for each family or couple individually to challenge them on toward faith in Christ or deeper commitment to discipleship, while helping other international scholars and their families connect with local Christians and Bible Study groups.

Kurt will especially challenge Wenke, who is often thinking about who he might invite to church or small group. Though he has not yet made a clear profession of faith, Wenke recently stated, "I know I cannot be pastor, but I would like to be minister like Kurt and Nanette" ! He was answering a question in Believing and Belonging Sunday School class about his future plans, which include being a professor in his hometown in China.

We are often meeting new international scholars and families through our International Women & Children program, the Turkish Students' Association or through meeting friends of international friends. It is a very natural networking process.

***We need people who share our vision
for Reaching the nations that have come to us
to stand behind us...***

OUR VISION:

A DYNAMIC, SPIRITUAL MOVEMENT IN LINCOLN IMPACTING INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS WITH CHRIST'S LOVE BY LINKING THEM WITH CHRISTIANS WHO SHARE THE GOAL OF MAKING DISCIPLES OF ALL NATIONS.



"For Christ's love compels us..." 1 Corinthians 5:14



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We're eager to answer any questions you have. Please don't hesitate to call us or e-mail. We thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration.

It is our joy and a great privilege to serve the Lord Jesus Christ as His ambassadors to the nations.

With gratitude and warm hearts we greet you in His name, wishing you a very Merry Christmas and all the blessings of His goodness in the New Year.

**With prayers that His peace will encompass you,
fill you and overflow through you to the world He has brought to you,**

Kurt and Nanette Olsen

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