

The start of every school year always brings uncertainty. For our own children, there are questions like, "What will my teacher be like?" or "Will my close friend still be in my class?" With the current pandemic there are questions even more complex especially with our overseas missionaries.

Just a few months ago, Ben and Annemarie wondered what the future held for their little team in Central Asia. Each year they have seen teammates move to other cities or transition back to the States, and this year they were down to 4 men and 1 woman - a huge drop from 15 people just a couple years before!

In discussions with leaders from others cities, they talked about who might be able to join their team, but it didn't look as if there would be any opportunities for growth. There was also the added pressure for laborers, as their student ministry was one of the few thriving student outreaches in the country.







Central Asia

Then God opened a door. Last month, Ben and Annemarie got the official news that 3 Chinese staff would join their team on a long-term basis and a team of 10 Americans would join for 1-2 semesters. What a blessing! Most have already arrived as of September!

Since receiving this news, Ben and Annemarie have been running around their city finding apartments and getting them set-up with water, gas and electricity, welcoming their new teammates and introducing them to the culture and ministry.

For Ben and Annemarie, it has been a joy just getting to know their new teammates. Already they have brought incredible passion and energy to their team. They look forward to seeing how God will move as they plan for a few events and weekly student meetings.



Ben & Annemarie, serving in Central Asia.

Please pray that these new teammates will adjust well to life in Central Asia and feel cared for by their new community. Pray also for wisdom, as already this team is facing a lot of new and exciting opportunities to emulate Jesus this year, but want to be discerning about how they spend their time.

Praising God for you always, NICH & Tricus