

June 15th, 2008

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The day after our prayer letter was sent out last month, we found out that there was something wrong with the pregnancy. We thank you all for your many prayers and letters (email) of comfort and encouragement. As many of you know, we lost the baby and two weeks ago, Jen went in for a D&C¹. The procedure went well and we are now in the process of recovery. She is due for a follow up appointment sometime this week. The Lord is bringing us through this process of grieving and we are learning to rely on Him in a whole new way. Thank you all for your love and care, your prayers and encouragement. We also thank our local church family & CCC staff team, who have been wonderful, a great example of Christ's body in love.

We have finally arrived at the decision to not continue on to Wildwood, NJ this year. We have been in touch with the team down there and are excited to hear all that the Lord is doing. We are told that last week, they had a coffeehouse event, in which the Lord brought far more people than they could have imagined and they had to extend the event for 3 or 4 hours. I understand that they are very encouraged by the relationships they are forming and the opportunities that the Lord has opened for them to share the gospel. We are especially proud to hear that one of our own UMass students, Amanda, who is down there right now, is flourishing and boldly sharing the gospel. Please join us in keeping her in prayer.

We are still in the process of moving to our new home. God has surprisingly, lead us to a home that is only half a mile from campus. We are still in shock at this incredible answer to prayer. We look forward to having students over for socials and family times, where the word will be shared and God will be praised.

Lastly, though we are grieving, we already have to start thinking about the fall semester. There is much praying & planning ahead in the weeks to come. Please pray for us that we can be focused on the Lord's work, while not to neglect our own emotional needs.

Yours in Christ,

Joe & Jen Chau

¹ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dilation_and_curettage