

A WORD FROM THE WENIGS



GREETINGS!!! We have returned from East Asia and are excited to share with you some "Snap Shots" of what we saw God doing to reveal and glorify Himself on the other side of the world. Thank you SO much for all your prayers and encouragement— they were deeply felt.

During our time in Asia, we were attending a Sports University and taking language class. While being "students" we had the privilege to build relationships with other students. Through our new friendships, we had many opportunities to share the gospel in a country where most people have never heard the name of Christ. We trusted the Holy Spirit to lead us step by step into unknown territory.



Ministry of Multiplication: Our ministry responsibilities in East Asia were diverse (staff team development meetings, language class, discipleship of our American athletes, and developing relationships with Asian students with hope of evangelism opportunities— as well as staying connected as a family). Having so much on our plate drove us to the Lord, asking Him to order our steps and show us the things HE wanted us focused on each day. He was so faithful in giving us wisdom, peace and joy in the process.

A place He had us focused on was "multiplication"- emphasizing on equipping our American athletes to pour into the Asian students they were building relationships with. By focusing on discipling Mendy, Elaine, Sarah, Jacob, Dave, Emilee, Zach & Jordan, we had the opportunity to encourage and help develop them for a lifetime of ministry, both for their time in East Asia, but also for when they return to "Life after Project". Some will return to their universities to finish out their college careers, while others have graduated and are planning to play professionally overseas (Sarah – Volleyball in France) or are seeking the Lord to direct their next steps(Elaine & Mendy– both considering possibly serving with AIA).

A common theme in our discipleship was "brokenness"- taking our eyes off ourselves and surrendering our desires to the Lord so that we can more effectively listen to Him and be lead by Him. It was amazing how this group embraced and hungered for this new way of thinking. Please be praying for them as they continue to try to apply the lessons learned this past month to their lives now that we are back in America!



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AJ's Ministry: One of the most special highlights of our experience was seeing God use AJ to bring joy to so many people, especially East Asian people! He was a magnet, drawing COUNTLESS people into friendship, but more importantly drawing them towards the Lord. We often had an initial touch point with people because of their interest in this sweet little guy, but then we would get to know one another better over time and have ministry opportunities develop.

There were also times that we couldn't share the gospel with words (because we couldn't speak the language of the people we were meeting), but could only pray that God would reveal Himself through this little boy's smile and joyful presence. We prayed that these new friends would see the glory of our Lord, AJ's Creator, rather than focus on AJ himself.



The Story of Jesus: A really incredible part of our time in East Asia was the friendship that formed for Jayne with "Spring" & "Kelsy". During their time together, they discovered that Kelsy is a believer in Christ because her Aunt is a Christ follower and shared the Gospel with her. Although she believed, she needed help growing in her faith. Spring, Kelsy's roommate, had an interest in learning more about Jesus, but Kelsy didn't know how to share her faith with her friend. Together we got to watch a movie about the life and ministry of Jesus- The Jesus Film (based on the Gospel of Luke and translated into over 1,000 languages). This helped Spring understand who Jesus is and what He did to offer us love, grace, & forgiveness. She was in total awe, especially as she watched the crucifixion! We were able to give her a Bible written in her own language (which isn't a resource that is very available in her country). Her response was, "I am so excited, this is so special to me. I will read it with all of my heart." We also were able to give Kelsy The Purpose Driven Life (also in her own language). Please pray for these women as they seek the Lord and grow in their trust of Him.



Team Wenig experiencing a traditional "Duck Dinner"- notice the duck carver over Kyle's shoulder. We even ate the duck's eyeballs... considered an Asian delicacy. YUMMY!



12 girls (8 Asian, 4 American)+ 1 room+ snacks + The Jesus Film = a night that was UNFORGETABLE



Playing "dress up" at one of our tourist excursions – we were busy on campus during the week, but on the weekends we got to experience the culture in other ways.