



KOREA MISSION NEWS

A newsletter from Rev. Patrick and Jennifer O'Neal, LCMS WORLD MISSION
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Matt, Dee Dee, Lily, and Olivia Wasmund will be at speaking at Mission Central on June 8, 2010 at 1pm and 7pm. If you are within a few hours of Mapleton, IA, drive over, say hello, and learn how God is using them in Asia. For directions, click http://www.missioncentral.us/missioncentral/mission_central_events where you can also see a map.

SUMMER ENGLISH CAMP TEACHERS NEEDED

Luther University/Seminary (LTU) needs 2 volunteer missionaries to teach English classes to elementary students July 26 – August 13. A stipend is provided so that in-country costs should be covered.



Volunteers need to provide for their own airfare to Korea and bring a willing servant heart to help kids learn English, and more importantly, learn about their Savior who loves them dearly.

If you are interested in this great opportunity, email Jennifer.Mustard@LCMS.org for more details.

GEO MISSIONARIES NEEDED

Two LCK congregations just outside of Seoul need 2 long-term volunteer (GEO) missionaries from the LCMS to serve as relationship builders through English as a Foreign Language (EFL) for 1 year. The LCK will provide the housing & utility costs. We'd like to fill this position in July. Click on http://www.lcms.org/uploads/mission/service-ops/South_Korea-GEO-RBEFL.pdf for more info.

EASTER IN HONG KONG AND MACAU

Since our time living in Asia is winding down, we decided to spend the Easter break visiting Jennifer's brother and family in Hong Kong. It was a blessing for Jennifer and the kids to see our new niece for the first time. We rejoiced in the Resurrection celebration at Church of All Nations. Our two families also took the ferry over to Macau for an overnight trip. There we connected with a Taiwanese co-worker and long-time friend of Jennifer's who is based in Macau and facilitates theological education with LCMS World Mission in other parts of Asia. What a joy to share in this Christian fellowship!



VOTE TO HELP LCMS WORLD MISSION

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans needs your vote to help distribute \$1 million among 10 nationwide Lutheran and non-Lutheran charitable organizations. Among the ministries selected are LCMS World Mission and LCMS World Relief and Human Care. Voting must be done by May 21, and is open to Thrivent members only. Each organization is given a



WASMUND FAMILY MOVING TO KOREA



As we shared with you in our mailing last month, Matt and Dee Dee Wasmund and their two daughters, Lily and Olivia, will be moving from Taiwan to Korea in August. Matt will continue to facilitate the volunteer programs in Taiwan, Japan, and Korea. They are great people and we give glory to God that they are moving to Korea.

As our family moves back to the USA in late June, we encourage you to keep your connection with the mission work in Korea by praying for and financially supporting the Wasmund family. They (like all LCMS missionaries) can only be here with your support.

We will continue to need financial support through the summer, but after August you can support the Wasmunds by clicking the give-now button at <http://www.lcms.org/?6671> or you can mail a check to LCMS World Mission marked "Support of Matt and Dee Dee Wasmund to LCMS World Mission, 1333 S. Kirkwood Rd., St. Louis, MO 63122-7295.

portion of the \$1 million, based on the percentage of votes it receives. Results will be posted and funds will be distributed within one month after the Voting Event. This is a great way to help fund the work of LCMS World mission. To vote, click: <https://service.thrivent.com/forms/thriventchoice/vote.php>

FAMILY CORNER

As we enter our final month and a half in Korea, Jennifer and the kids are taking this opportunity to share with you some thoughts on living in Korea.

James: My name is James and I'm six years old. I like living in Korea because I like Namdaemun gate [national treasure #1 which our kids saw burning from their bus on the way to school in 2009]. When it burned down I was so sad. I like to see all the new buildings being built. At school I like playing with my friends in the playground. I'm learning how to read and how to write in my poetry book. Korea is so fun!



Grace: My name is Grace and I'm 10 years old. The memories I will take home about Korea are all the great friends I've made, and the beautiful cherry blossoms that bloom in the spring. It will be weird to go back to America for the summer and not come back to Korea in the fall when school starts. Korea is a great place to live and Korean people are always so friendly.



John: After four years of living here in Korea, it really feels like home. Some of the memories I will take back will be going sledding in the winter with friends, and all the fun days at school. In school right now I'm learning about the atmosphere, ancient Rome, and geometry. Every school day I also study Korean language. In May we'll have a spring band concert. I love Korea and I hope we can come back sometime.



Jennifer: The other day I was having lunch with another expatriate friend who is Taiwanese. We were talking about how our kids identify with their home countries. I told her my concerns about how our kids will adjust to being back in the United

States and she replied, "At least your family is all American--I'm Chinese married to an Indian, and my kids are growing up in Korea while going to an American school." Talk about an identity challenge!



It's a comfort to know that wherever we go God is with us, leading and enabling us to do the work we've been called to do. We also know that our real home is in heaven where Jesus is waiting, preparing a place where we can be with Him forever. What a homecoming that will be. For now we ask for your prayers that our upcoming adjustment to life in the USA will be an opportunity for us to grow in faith, and that we can take advantage of the days that remain of our stay here in Korea. Thank you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

- + Please join us in praising and thanking God that the Wasmund family is moving to Korea – pray for their final weeks in Taiwan and for safe travel as they head to the USA for their home-service;
- +...praise the Lord that our fellow coworkers from central Asia have been able to safely return to their home and work after being stranded at our house in Seoul due to political turmoil in their country;
- +...pray that we can make the most of our remaining time in Korea, encouraging fellow Christians and sharing God's love with people;
- +...pray for the people of the Korean peninsula, especially as tensions rise over the sinking of a South Korean ship... that peace may abound;
- +...pray for the Lord to provide a Divine Call for Patrick in the USA to begin near the end of the summer. We would love to be in or around Iowa, but we know that the Lord will prepare a place for us, so we are ready to go where He calls.

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