

Monday, Sep 22, 2008

Dear Friends and Loved Ones,

WE ARE ON OUR WAY!

Another miracle occurred. We were preparing to leave. However, we were suddenly and unexpectedly informed of rent increases in Singapore that were over 50% since the time of our original budget. This would raise our housing cost from about \$1500 per month to about \$2250 per month for a small, two bedroom, one bath flat. The funds again appeared to be insufficient. However, the Lord knew, in advance, of the need. A final accounting of income revealed that we were over supported by exactly the amount we needed for the rent increase. In other words, we are fully supported even though we were unaware of this increased need for rent. We are still leaving in October! PTL!!!

This whole process has been a series of miracles. We were originally told that the amount we had to raise would require about two years work. However, that original amount has grown by 55% due to the fall of the US dollar, Singaporean inflation, and a broadened job description. Still, we are leaving after two years of deputation. As one of our directors commented, "I do not recall seeing this kind of strong evidence of the Lord's blessing in support raising." We have definitely seen the Lord at work!

Faith and I have recently seen another blessing. Our second grandchild, Jackson Parker, was born last month. At this time, Faith is with our daughter's family, helping with the care of a two year old and a newborn. We are still praying that our son-in-law, who is in the Marines, will not have to go to Iraq a second time. Our daughter and our grandchildren definitely need their father and husband.

We also were blessed with two weeks of vacation recently. We traveled to western Canada and the northwestern part of the US where we visited family and just relaxed. We really needed the break as it had been three years since we had taken a vacation.

We really need your prayers as we make our final preparation for departure to Singapore. There is so much to do! At times, I feel overwhelmed with all of the activities that are necessary over the next few weeks. Also, please pray that all pledged support will materialize.

This will be our last stateside prayer letter. If we don't have your email address, please send one to us if possible. Once again, thank you for your prayer and financial support.

Your grateful friends in Jesus,

Chris and Faith