

Unexpected Surprises



Praises:

- The Lord is faithful and trustworthy ALWAYS!
- We've had wonderful guests that both blessed us in different ways.
- Three days just as a family in nature.
- The abandoned school has been approved.
- I have been home for three weeks.
- The Lord protected us and gave us peace during an armed robbery.
- Jesus is being declared in so many places.

Prayer Requests:

- So many people are living in fear and hopelessness and not in freedom and victory.
- The contract for the abandoned school should be written in the next two weeks. Pray that the Lord writes the contract.
- We need to be more organized and have more processes in order to move to the new building this summer.
- I am organizing the calendar for the next 9 months. Pray that we have a good work/life balance in the midst of a full schedule. We will be in the States from the end of July till the end of September.
- Spiritual warfare is hitting hard. I am excited to see what the Lord is doing because the enemy ever present.
- Pray that as we follow Jesus, we don't get in front of Him or too far behind Him and that He gets ALL the praise.



Besides foundation things, Dan has jumped in twice in the past 6 weeks to preach at our church, as our pastor is taking a well-deserved break. Dan also teaches the Chinese Bible Study once a month. I think it is fabulous that he is sharing God's word with whomever.

The man to the right is Pastor David who attends our church. He is from Liberia and is a street evangelist here. He needed a place to stay while changing apartments. He prayed over our house everyday and night while here for almost a month.

I have been so surprised at all the different nationalities here, that the Lord has opened doors to.





One of our practitioner friends from Huntsville came to serve with us for 10 days. Within her first 12 hours in country and first time to the foundation, we were held up at gun point. Welcome Kirstin with an unexpected surprise! As we were entering the foundation, a young man pointed a gun at Dan's head for a brief second to show Dan what he had then moved the gun to Dan's torso area. The three of us ladies that were with Dan prayed. (We are thankful Samantha was not with us.) The young man was obviously very nervous and desperate. Kirstin, Dan and I had a lot of peace which could only be from God. We continued to speak the name of Jesus over him. As the man asked for our wallets, purses and phones... Dan asks if he could keep his ID's and the man handed Dan's wallet back to him, he then forgot about it so Dan got to keep his wallet. The man asked for my purse and I asked for my glasses and IDs and he let me keep those. I asked if I could pray for him in the name of Jesus. He looked a little confused. He continued to Kirstin and our other friend. As he ran off, Dan yells to him God bless you and have a good day. I am sure the robber thought we had lost our minds. Since then, I have been just overly burdened for this man's salvation. Please pray the Lord moves in his heart. We are all fine. Samantha jokes that if he would have stayed around longer that I would have invited him in for breakfast. She might not be wrong about that.

There were three songs that were apart of my worship the morning of the robbery. 1) I Speak Jesus by Charity Gayle. 2) House of the Lord by Phil Wickham and 3) Holy Forever by Chris Tomlin. I was also memorizing **Psalm 46. Verse 1 -3 "God is our refuge and strength. An ever-present help in trouble. THEREFORE, we will not fear."** I can't say how important morning prep for battle is because we don't know what the day holds. Be prepared for your battle each day.

Kirstin was a trooper. We took care of bank accounts and phone access then she jumped into work. She saw 57 patients while here. She saw almost everyone twice and several of us 4-6 times. She poured out her gift all over us. I am so thankful for the work she does. We also got to show her a little of the city and the country side. We enjoyed touring around with her on Saturdays. The kids also came to love her. We really enjoyed our time with Kirstin, she came as someone I knew and left as a good friend. She leveled up a lot. Thank you, Kirstin, for coming.



Some of the kids had an afternoon of water games and silliness.



Several of you have prayed over these buildings and many have asked about them. These two large buildings are an abandoned school that is owned by the province. The government has lots of empty buildings because they can not afford to staff them and pay for the services so they do contracts with non-profits or different organizations to occupy and care for the buildings. The non-profit repairs and maintains the building, rent free for a lease of 40-60 years. We applied for this 'Grant' back in September and were denied, and we thought no problem that it is not God's will.

Well, move ahead to our Staff Christmas party. We had a new staff member who is single and a recent believer and asked if her non-believing parents could come with her to the party. Well of course, please bring non-believers to our house. Dan sat with her father for a while and made small talk. Dan asked what he did for work. He said he was retired now but used to work for the Province we live in and did contracts for these 'Grants'. Dan said "oh I know what kind of work that is, we applied for one but got denied". Come to find out the man grew up in that neighborhood and attended that school. One of his good friends is the Provincial Governor and makes the final decisions on these types of Grants. He was going to have lunch with her the next day. In less than two weeks, Dan was sitting in front of the community sharing Jesus and what we do. The community voted unanimously to have Light in the Darkness in that school. We received word Friday that we have been approved for the Comodato. (the 'Grant'). The contract isn't done yet, but should be in the next two weeks or so. Lord willing, we will be in that school this summer. God is full of surprises!

People keep asking how do we feel about it. Well, we have some very mixed emotions. Super excited because it is totally a God deal! Also, very intimidated as it is a God deal! When we first looked at this building, we thought it was only the lower building, come to find out, it includes the upper building; as well as a nice piece of land. We could easily have 500 kids there. So the idea of going from 30 to 500 kids, well..... God will provide the people, the supplies, the food, the organization, the money for repairs and all of the other things. I can't even imagine what He has up his sleeve this time and glad He doesn't show me. It is much easier to take one step at a time. His plans are good. I pray that the community we are currently in and the community that the school is in all come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. I pray that the evil flees from these places. I pray that the Lord is magnified and glorified through it all.

On a simpler note, I love having people. I love hosting. But I am super excited for tonight. Tonight, is our first night with just the three of us in the house since December 27th. Between me being in the States with my parents and our fabulous guests, it has been a while since it has been just the three of us. It will be short lived as we receive our next beautiful guest on Thursday, but I will rest with my two tonight with a movie and hot Chamba Chai. I am thankful for all of the surprises the Lord has in store for us.

"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." The Lord Almighty is with us, the God of Jacob is our fortress." Psalm 46 10-11

Many blessings,

Dan, Gina and Samantha