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Working in South Korea **By Megan Bodeutsch**

My family started attending Hope Community Church (then Tumwater EFC) in 1986 when I was a baby and I continued attending there until my parents and I moved to Thailand in 2000. Because of my experience living abroad, I became interested in different cultures, especially Asian culture. Shortly after graduating from Trinity Western University in 2007 I went to South Korea as an English teacher. For two years I taught at an elementary school in a suburb of Seoul.

After coming to Seoul I began attending Yohan Seoul Church. The first Yohan church was started by Korean missionaries in Japan, and there are more than 20 sister churches throughout Japan. When I started attending the Seoul branch, it was just beginning an English service. The church also started a Christian school, and they were looking for native English speakers to teach at the school.

When I first started working in Korea, I planned to stay only for a year and then perhaps stay longer if I enjoyed my experience. After two years of teaching I wanted to continue living in Korea, but I did not want to continue working in the public school. In 2010 I started working at the church's school, and at the same time I started running an English library through the church. Korean people are very passionate about learning English, and there are many foreigners living in Korea now, so the goal of the library is to serve the people in the community, and also use it to introduce people to the church.

Since one of the main focuses of the church I work with is Japanese missions, every year church members participate in KOSTA Japan. KOSTA (Korean Students Abroad) is a conference for Korean students around the world, but KOSTA Japan expanded to have a Japanese, Chinese, and English service as well with the hope of reaching a wider group of people. I went to Japan for a total of three weeks; first helping teach at an English camp organized by one of my church's sister churches in Japan, then working with the English Service in Tokyo to prepare for KOSTA. The theme for this year was "Change the World through the heart of Jesus." The speakers encouraged the 3000+ attendees to find their vision in Jesus and continue to follow and work for that vision in the face of difficulties. Please pray for those who accepted Jesus at KOSTA and those who grew in faith, that they would not stop growing and would not give up on the calling that Jesus has for their lives.

Following KOSTA, the new semester began in Korea. Church members went to campuses around Seoul to invite students to church. Those who attend our English Service went to a foreign studies university to invite students to our service. We organized special activities after the service to teach about Korean culture, including learning about Korean Thanksgiving, playing traditional Korean games, and preparing traditional Korean foods. We hoped to use this time to get to know the newcomers and help them feel welcomed in our service. Though the English service is small at our church, we pray that we can have a powerful impact on the foreign community in Seoul.

Please pray as I continue my ministry teaching English at the church. The goal of our school is not only to educate students, but to train students to be effective leaders in the world for the glory of God. Lastly, as I continue to run the English library at my church, pray that it would be used to reach out to the community and ultimately lead people to God.

**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP
OF MASON/THURSTON COUNTIES, WA**

This summer the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Mason/Thurston Counties (CEF) partnered directly with three local churches to provide a teaching team for Vacation Bible School. These churches were Matlock Community Church with 8 kids, Bridge Community Church (Harstine island) with 18 kids, and Grace Baptist Church (Rochester) with 25 kids. Partnering with churches in this endeavor builds endearing relationships and opens the door for the church to conduct further follow-up ministry.

In addition, CEF sponsored two 5-Day Clubs and two Party Clubs this summer. The 5-Day Clubs were held by Mindy Easton in Shelton with 10 kids and Lynn's Daycare in Rochester with 13 kids. The Party Clubs were at Irene Schade's house in Olympia with 17 kids and Union Community Church with 3 kids.

Holly Moir, the director of CEF of Mason/Thurston Counties, is on a paid renewal time from Sept. 1 to Oct. 31. Both Holly and the board of CEF will be reevaluating steps to go forward together in ministry. Their desire is to have a renewed vision and motivation to together reach more and more boys and girls for the Lord Jesus Christ. During this time Holly will begin attending a weekly Bible school (Faith Bible Institute) in Ocean Shores to earn a Bible degree. Please pray for direction for Holly and CEF during this time.

**FRED & AUDREY OTTO
BRAZIL**

Fred & Audrey work at the Bible Institute in Manaus, Brazil, and ask for prayer for several different tribes where missionaries are working in Brazil. Airton & Talita, a Brazilian missionary couple, just moved into the Jaminaua tribe. They evidently obtained permission from the tribe to stay and they plan to be there for 3 months in intensive language and culture study. Pray for them as they adapt and begin language study.

Church planting consultants gave an excellent report on the Gavião Church. The indigenous leaders are doing well as is the church. The missionary team is preparing Phase 1 chronological lessons to help some misunderstandings about the basics of God and His nature.

The Deni team (one couple and one single guy) is in Manaus discussing some of the assumptions that the Deni Indians will 'automatically' make when they hear the gospel story presented in the near future. They are preparing the Bible lessons so there will be a minimum of misunderstanding and the problems that result from wrong understanding.

**EVERGREEN FAMILY FRIENDSHIP
SERVICE - CHINA**

On the first of July the staff and leadership of Evergreen Family Friendship Service (EFFS) finished their leadership summit held in Beijing. The purpose of the summit was "To challenge and refine the focus of Evergreen for the future by seeking the Lord and listening to each other". One outcome of the summit was the realization that despite having a purpose statement, as well as core values, they had never clarified nor verbalized their ultimate vision. Time was spent discussing this and the Chinese staff was particularly inspired by this process. The Chinese language group came up with a Chinese version similar to what the English language groups came up with: "Our desire is to see transformed people impacting their communities for Christ".

In addition the group came up with thirteen areas that they felt were important to their future. They spent the majority of their time focusing on three of these, as they were at the foundation of the "symptoms" represented by the other ten. Those three were:

- Improve their abilities to ensure quality projects and project management.
- Develop their family service capabilities to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of Chinese families.
- Evaluate other models for financial and organizational structure that will create more credibility, provide better communication, and allow for replication into other regions.

Please pray for EFFS's leaders and staff as they focus on continuing to listen and sharpen their vision with all throughout the organization.

MARK & JAN HALSTROM CREATIVE ACCESS COUNTRIES
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In July Mark Halstrom traveled for three weeks to evaluate projects in India and Thailand. Bruce Crawford reported on the trip to India in last month's "Our Missionary Voice" since he went along to help do a survey of water resources and sites that could be suitable to establish fish ponds.

Mark connected with many different ReachGlobal staff serving throughout Asia while attending the Asia Divisional Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand. He also met with some Asian national partners from Myanmar & Thailand. These meetings helped him to make future plans for developing training modules for church leaders and income generating projects for their ministries.

Mark was also able to give some practical advice to two ministry centers while in Thailand. The Thai Lahu Center is for training hill tribe church leaders. Pastor Marteng leads this Center and oversees a farm where rice, vegetables, pigs and fish are raised to feed the students and teach some practical skills. Mark had some advice on making improvements to their fish culture methods. Pastor David and his wife direct the Harvest Home which provides a hostel and Christian discipleship of children while they receive an education. They hope to develop a fish pond with the assistance of the EFCA to supplement the diets of the students and to provide income. Please pray for both of these projects.

On a personal note, Mark & Jan's son, Isaac, worked full time this summer after completing his freshman year at Seattle Pacific University. Jan continues to work part time at the local community college to help with paying Isaac's college fees. They received notice that they will need to come up with considerably more funds to pay for Isaac's schooling this coming school year than last year. This was discouraging news. They ask for prayer for wisdom from the Lord regarding what that means for their family budget and schooling options for Isaac.

LOIS McMARTIN MISSIONARY MEMBER CARE

On June 23rd, Lois & David's third grandchild, Eric Andrew McMartin, was born. They are very blessed by their children and grandchildren and love it when they have opportunities to be with them.

In July, Lois participated in the Asia Area Conference in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and taught about 8 hours of seminars on "Healthy marriage" and on "Healthy Teams". Then in August she went to Willengen, Germany, for the Europe Area Conference where she also taught a seminar on marriage. As usually happens at these conferences, all of her meal times are taken up with appointments. Many of those conversations were continuations of conversations she had been having via email, and it was good to connect face-to-face. Topics of these conversations included: the pain of infertility, departure from overseas ministry due to the needs of their children, deportation of missionaries from their country of service, departure of a team member, the experiences and emotions of going through the earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and more. These missionaries need someone to listen, to help them shoulder their burden, to offer perspective, and talk through possible solutions. This is why the ministry of member care is important.

Dates to Remember

- Oct 1-6** – Lois McMartin participating in Readiness Event for missionary applicants in MN
- Oct 2** – Mike Vanderpoel to preach at Kiyose Evangelical Free Church in Japan
- Oct 23** – OUGM Dental Clinic Benefit Concert at Washington Center, Olympia at 7:30 pm
- Nov 8** – Care Net Pregnancy Center of Thurston County Fall Banquet at Red Lion Hotel

Our Missionaries Around the World

<u>Missionaries</u>	<u>Sending Organization</u>	<u>Country or Function</u>
Megan Bodeutsch	Hope Community Church	South Korea
Mark & Naomi Hale	International Messengers	Poland
Nathan Jacobs	Missionary Construction Team	USA & Around the World
Mark & Jan Halstrom	TouchGlobal (EFCA)	Creative Access Countries
Kyle & Nancy Herr	AWANA	SW Washington/ NW Oregon
Vance & Carol Johnson	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Philippines
Steve & Carol Lyons	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Tanzania
Lois McMartin	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	ENHANCE - Missionary Care
Fred & Audrey Otto	New Tribes Mission	Brazil
Linda Sauke	ReachGlobal (EFCA)	Outreach English & Resource Dev
Greg Smith	Evergreen Students for Christ	Olympia, WA
Michael & Rina Vanderpoel	SEND International	Japan
Our Un-named Friends	BEE World	Restricted Access Country

Mission Organizations Also Supported

Child Evangelism Fellowship, Care Net Pregnancy Center of Thurston County, Evergreen Family Friendship Services, Olympia Union Gospel Mission, Salvation Army.

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