



The China Connection (Living and Working in a Global/Local World)

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Dear Friends and Ministry Partners,

Having just returned from China with our daughter, Hannah, we are still recovering from a time difference of 12 hours. By now, we are about half-way through the expected jet lag while struggling to get caught up with the work that accumulated during our travels.

Bob did manage to connect with the SIM Kenya director search committee for a scheduled meeting while we were in China. Hope is serving as the prayer coordinator within SIM Kenya for the director search process. So far, the process is on schedule, and several nominations have been received by the committee chairperson. Bob was tasked with contacting the four nominees who are US-based upon our return, which he did this week. Other committee members are contacting other nominees. Please join us in prayer as the search process continues and ask that the Lord would lead us to His choice for the next director of SIM Kenya.

Since our August update, we have continued to meet virtually with our colleague Edward at Moffat to provide mentorship, encouragement, and advice concerning the "Understanding HIV" course he is teaching in the classroom and online and concerning the department's ongoing outreach ministries. He is still getting used to his new position and the skills they require, but has a great attitude and a willing spirit, and he is picking up very well. Our next virtual meeting with Edward is coming up next Tuesday, Oct. 7.

This morning (Saturday, Oct. 4) we held a one-hour meeting with our SIM colleague who heads up the online teaching program at Moffat. We have been asked to reformat the "Teaching Behavior Change" course for online teaching. This is very challenging because it is a practical skills-building course that involves supervised in-person teaching of a life skills curriculum to young adolescents. How can such a course be conducted online? The short answer is: it can't. And yet it is a required course even in the online curriculum. Hope's idea was to offer it as a hybrid course, with much of the content being offered online followed by two weeks of an intensive in-person component during which we would arrange for our students to do actual in-person supervised teaching. We have the rest of this month to work out the online reformatting of this course.

It's worth mentioning that we do plan to return to Kenya this coming January through March to teach during Term 2. We also plan to remain in Kenya during the April break to teach the in-person intensive component of 'Teaching Behavior Change', and then to say our final farewells to our wonderful community at Moffat and elsewhere in Kenya. All this depends, of course, on family health issues not preventing us from traveling out of the country. We invite you to join us in praying for the Lord's blessings over the health of our family.

Family Update - Speaking of family, here is a current update on the various health concerns:

- We thank God that Bob's father and stepmother are both doing well, and pray that this good season of health will continue for as long as God's grace will allow.

- It has been over three months since Nathan's last KLS episode, for which we give thanks. By the time you are reading this, Valerie's pregnancy will be at term. We are expecting a new grandson at any time!
- We are rejoicing in the healthy delivery of twin boys to Josiah and Grace on September 9! Josiah Likezo was 6 lbs, 3 oz and Judah Limpo was 7 lbs, 2 oz. All are doing well, and Zippy is delighted to be a big sister!
- After some episodes of severe pain, Hope was diagnosed with gallstones this week and is facing surgery. Please pray that the Lord's sovereign grace and goodness will overshadow all that is to come until this problem is resolved.



China Trip

As mentioned above, we have just returned from almost two weeks in China. Hannah recently completed her final 2-year contract after a total of 8 years in China and put together a packed schedule for us to travel together and see several places she has been wanting to see, but was too busy. She also gave us a tour of her school, and we were blessed that our visit coincided with its International Day, an annual highlight of the school year. We met many of her friends, visited several of her favorite eating places, and later were blessed to enjoy worship at the international fellowship she regularly attended. They gave her an emotional send-off with prayer and blessings. She is now starting a period of re-entry, rest, recovery, and discernment for what the Lord would have her to do next. Also, do feel free to ask us sometime about our spiritual and cultural impressions from our travels in China.



Visitation

During the rest of this year, we are available to visit your church, home, or fellowship group. We expect to spend the first three weeks of November in North Carolina, then return home to Indianapolis. Please do let us know if you would like to be on our visitation schedule!

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Prayer Points

Give Thanks:

- For ongoing health for Bob's father and stepmother, and for our son, Nathan.
- For the healthy delivery of twin boys to Josiah and Grace.
- For safe, healthy, and enjoyable travels in China with our daughter, Hannah, and for our safe return.

Please Pray:

- That the SIM Kenya Director Search Committee would be attentive to the Holy Spirit and rightly led to the Lord's choice for the next country director.
- For Edward as he settles into his new role with the Community Health and Development department at Moffat Bible College.
- For our efforts to reformat the 'Teaching Behavior Change' course to a workable hybrid online/intensive in-person format.
- For the Lord's blessings over the ongoing health of our entire family, including Hope's care concerning her newly-diagnosed gallstones.
- For Hannah in her rest, recovery and re-entry process, and as she seeks to discern the Lord's will for her next chapter in life.

Contributions towards our support may be sent by check to:

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Bob & Hope Carter (# 09892) or

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- Our SIM missionary number is **09892**.
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