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Blue Asia Grace



The average high temp for January in Northern Asia was 8 and a low of -22. So we can't complain about wintering in the U.S., but we still would rather be at home on the mission field. We are elated because of our plans to get back there soon, but there's a minor hitch now: the country of our destination is concerned about the coronavirus, and they've closed their boarders because of it. There's a level 4 "do not travel" advisory issued from our government for China, and United Airlines has canceled our flights there for the time being, so we've changed our tickets from April 7th to May 5th with all the fees and the price differences waived. We want to apply for a 10 year Chinese tourist visa for the times we need to leave temporarily, but we may have to do that at a later time. We're thankful for God's providential provision and timing through all of this.

Special Trip

We took a drive down to Pennsylvania at the end of December for our family Christmas party. We spent two weeks there. It always goes fast and never seems to be enough. We're fortunate to have two great families who will put up with us for so long. We had to get back anyway because I had jury duty. It was for a murder trial that lasted six days. It ended in a hung jury and will be retried.



The "Mo_____ grill" restaurants have nothing to do with Mo______ other than the name. The founder of this style of restaurant called them Mo______ just because it sounded exotic.



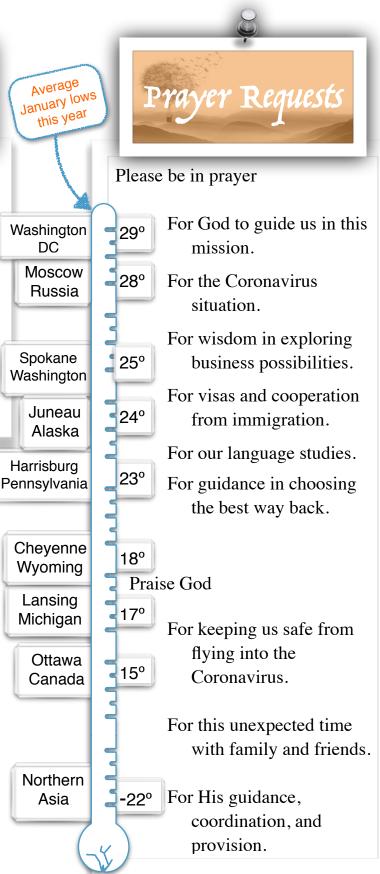
The first case of coronavirus was just recently diagnosed in our field of work, but despite the relative safety, the Government has ordered all public gatherings to be canceled and travelers refused entry from China and other countries until the end of March. That includes schools, churches, and holiday celebrations. It seems certain that this order will be extended due to the momentum of the virus. We will be adjusting our plans accordingly.



Our kids have been doing well. They're progressing in their home-school studies, of which they've come to enjoy (praise God).

We had the privilege of speaking to an Awana group recently about missions. I had our kids come up and speak to all the kids about our missions work and answer questions; they did great.

Our daughter has a birthday coming up in April. She says she's disappointed that it won't be in our home on the field like she was anticipating.



God Bless, Tentmakers Bible Mission

