

Hi everyone,

I just wanted to give you a short update about happenings here. There are some very exciting and heavy things for which I'd appreciate your prayers.

OPEN HEARTS

One exciting development is Jami and I were led by the Spirit to start a Bible study with La (who I shared about in my last newsletter) and with A (Jami's friend - a widow with 2 kids). We are reading passages that show that Jesus is our hope. We have met twice and both times had good discussions, but of course, we sense the spiritual battle too.

Another exciting answer to prayer is that one of our neighbors has been coming every week to our home group and now she is going to church every Sunday! Whereas she once was very closed to hearing about Jesus, she now is very open. We are praising God for this and praying for more of our neighbors to be open to spiritual things.

FITNESS

My fitness class hasn't taken off as I hoped, but I have 2 ladies (believers) who come every week, and just yesterday an unbeliever started coming and she wants to also come regularly. I always share a small portion of Scripture at the end of class as an encouragement and something for the ladies (and me) to meditate on over the course of the week. Now that the weather is warmer, I am considering leading short workouts on our playground for the ladies in our neighborhood, just as a way to meet them and make new connections. Please pray for God's leading in both of these ventures and pray for His Word to not return void.



SUMMER ENGLISH CLUB

We now are starting to prepare for English Club at Baikal. We will hold it at the end of June. Last year, because of the virus, were not able to hold this 5-day club, so we are very excited to get to do it this year. We are sad that we can't have a team come from N. America to help us lead the program, but are very thankful for how things are falling into place and for a good team here that can help us with all the various roles that need to be filled. Please pray that God will bring those who need to be there and for His Word to go out in power. We will share more details next month as we will be looking for prayer support and people who will commit to pray during that time.

BUDDHIST STUPA

Recently, about 120 families from our village gathered funds to build a big stupa in the neighborhood. A stupa is a Buddhist monument that they hope will bring good fortune, positive energy and enlightenment to those nearby (picture attached). They invited some lamas (Buddhist monks) to come and do a cleansing ceremony over the land and foundation before they built it. When I heard about this plan, my heart became very sad (and angry) - It's located very close to our house and is a visual reminder of the darkness and deception people are in. We have been praying for God to show Himself very powerful in this situation and are excited to see how He will answer. We ask you to join us in prayer! This Sunday they will have a dedication ceremony for it, now that it is built. We hope to go there early that morning before the ceremony to pray and sing praise to our God. It feels heavy having this Buddhist "high place" in our community. But we know God is the most powerful Spirit and we trust Him to bring beauty from this heaviness.

- Pray that people will see this stupa for what it is and that the eyes of their hearts will be opened to the truth.
- Pray for God to show Himself as the most powerful- more powerful than any other spirits.
- Pray for opportunities to share Jesus with people, even through this stupa.
- That those who are erecting, putting money towards and trusting in the stupa in our neighborhood to give them good luck, will see that God is their only true hope for peace and provision.

Thank you for your prayers, support and encouragement! May God encourage your hearts and show Himself strong in and through your lives!

in Him,
Janette (Nettie)

