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A Prayer and Reflection.

"Sing to the LORD, all the earth; proclaim His salvation day after day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples." - 1 Chronicles 16:23-24



Flood of nations:

Albania, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Italy, Brazil, China, Egypt, Spain, India, African American, ... a flood of nations has come to our international house so far this year. Never had we imagined that God would bring so many nations to our house in such a short time. We are honored to host these elite people... doctors, a banker, scientists, politicians, lawyers, a theologian, dentist, etc. into our international house. As we interact with them, the conversation turns naturally to faith and what we stand for. Regardless of their beliefs, we continue to share Christ's love with them. We respect them as God's precious creation.

Teresa & son Hugo (Spain) stayed with us this summer. After the death of her sister, Teresa became disillusioned toward her Catholicism. She began searching for the meaning of life through Buddhism. But God also seeks after her. One of her colleagues has been witnessing to her. A Christian family from CA happened to be here during Teresa's stay. They too were

used by God to share the Gospel message to both Teresa & Hugo. Teresa and I had a long conversation on faith and life. I gave her a Bible and a Rick Warren's book, *The Purpose Driven Life*. Pray that God will draw her unto Himself in Madrid.

International House:



From L-R: Cori (USA), Bruno (Italy), Jameel (Saudi), Chris (USA), Hamad (Saudi), Sade (Egypt/Guatemala).

As a community we have a monthly dinner which I (Nanan) cook for everyone. This brings us together as a family rather than a tenants/landlords relationship.

Our Saudi friends were open to question us about our lifestyles: Why we don't smoke and drink as portrayed in the movies. Their perception of America was based upon the Hollywood movies and the internet. We are the real life example of being both Christians and Americans in their first encounter here in the States. What a privilege to be the ambassadors for both Christ and the USA!



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The 2010/2011 academic year came into a full swing last week. We are excited to meet new comers and having all our former students back. Our long time former student from China (whom we ministered to 10 years ago) has been referring her students (now scholars at BU and Harvard) to our ministry. We also have 2 Humphrey Fellows from BU this year. It's exciting to see the second generation of students. While in the past I felt like an older sister to them, now we feel more like their parents to these students/scholars. But we are still young in heart.

We will be studying the entire Bible through the video, "Hope - The Story of God's Promise for All People". Pray for God's anointing and wisdom as I lead this study.

As I (Nanan) enter my 19th year in the full time ISM (International Student Ministry), I want to THANK YOU all for your faithful support to our ministry and the Kingdom. The Gospel message and the love of Christ has been flowing to the nations because of your generous and sacrificial giving to our ministry. Though ours is a small ministry in Boston, yet it is impacting the future leaders of the nations. We are so grateful for your partnership and humbled by God's grace in choosing us to be His instruments of peace to the nations. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Ah... Ginger!

My silent acid reflux (Laryngopharyngeal) got so bad earlier this spring. The first endoscopy in May showed an ulcer on my vocal folds. The doctor increased my medication and added another prescription for the ulcer - total of 8 pills a day. I went to a throat doctor and was diagnosed with severe acid reflux. He referred me to Mass. General Hospital to have a PH Probe test and an operation if necessary.

All the medications made it worse. My stomach produced more acid instead of reducing it.



Eid Ul Fitr Celebration:

We celebrated Eid Ul Fitr on 9/11 with our residents. Our Muslim friends greatly appreciated that we honored their end of Ramadan festivity. As always the conversation lingered through the night about history, politic and faith. Chris stayed up till 2:30 am with the men talking about middle east history and the three world religions (Judaism, Christianity, and Islam). This of course, led to the foundation of Christian faith. Chris explained to the men about the main topics of Christian faith that Muslims misunderstood: the virgin birth, the Trinity, Jesus as the Messiah, and the Gospel message of salvation. It's all done in very friendly terms. (No blood was spilled). I was already in bed by this time. It's amazing how God orchestrated the event to bring the salvation message to these nations.

These men said, "we like the atmosphere of this house. We feel like home here. We will tell and recruit our friends to come to your house. And we will come back."

"But in your hearts set apart Christ as LORD. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." (1 Peter 3:15)

I could hardly talk by that time. I cried out to God for healing and started to search for an alternative natural remedy online.... GINGER! I stopped all the medication on Chris' Birthday. I've been taking tons of ginger for a month now. My stomach feels much better this day. I don't cough as much, and my voice is back again. I had another endoscopy done at MGH earlier this month. The result was normal only some spots in my throat still inflamed. It is far from a complete healing. Thank you for your prayers. Praise God!

Love, Nanan & Chris



Prayer Requests

- Wisdom, favor, discernment, and divine guidance in ministry and life.
- Nanan's health. No more cancer! Asthma and acid reflux to be fully under control.
- Chris - teaching at Chelsea High School
- Salvation for: Cheng Shieh, Wen Hao, Hamad, Jameel, Bruno, Teresa, Sade, Shuangling.
- Support level to increase.
- Protection from the evil one.
- International House: Wisdom in dealing with each student. Peace. Opportunities to share the Gospel and Christ's love.
- Tenants - each room to be filled each month.
- Safe travels for activities with students.