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WE'RE BACK!!!!!!

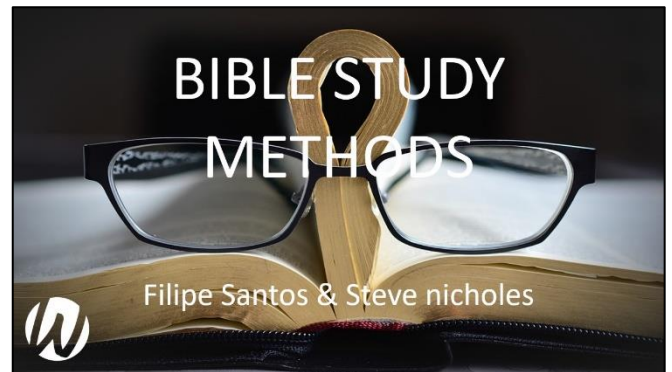
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...in Korea again 😊...after three months in the US. We did not get to see as many people as we would have liked, BUT it was refreshing and a joy to see those we could.

Immediately after arriving on Jeju, we attended the 8th graduation of WOLBI Jeju. What a joy to watch the victory march as students walked across the stage to receive their diplomas! The program here is very intensive. Sometimes students don't think they will make it to graduation. And yet when they do, it truly is a victory for them! We also praise the Lord for the Jeju staff who guided them to the finish line while we were gone 😊

After graduation every WOLBI Jeju staff member takes a well-deserved two-week break. On August 27 when we finally began preparing for the new school year, I told Steve that for the first time in a long time, I felt refreshed and ready to begin the new year. PTL!

The new class has 25 students from Korea, US, Taiwan, Japan, South Africa and MKs from Korea and Turkey. The age range is 17-38. 15 ladies and 10 men. We've gotten off to a really great start! At the end of Orientation Week we always have a campfire dedication service and every student made a commitment that night to yield themselves completely to the Lord as they enter this school year.



New Class

One exciting thing that is happening this fall is that Steve and Filipe Santos are team-teaching a Bible Study Methods class for the first time at WOLBI Jeju. In class Steve and Filipe show the students how to study using the Book of Jonah. Outside of class students practice on the Book of Philemon. By the end of the 30 sessions, each student will have written their own commentary on the Book of Philemon! I did not think the WOLBI Jeju program could get much better 😊 but this is a definite improvement and something we hope to offer to alumni in the future.


NEW WOLBI JEJU CLASS OF 2019



Transition

While in the US, we shared with many people about the transition taking place in our ministry role, but some of you may not have heard about it yet. As you can imagine, pioneering a work and managing a work long-term are two very different skills. Steve's gifts are definitely more in the area of pioneering. We praise the Lord that He has sent Filipe Santos and others who have the teaching and management gifts necessary to oversee WOLBI Jeju going into the future.

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So what does this mean for us??? Are we moving??? Are we leaving Jeju or Korea???? No. WOLBI Jeju will continue to be our base. Steve will teach various classes throughout the year as a guest lecturer. This year, he continues to lead the Thailand and Israel and Paul's Journeys trips. He will still function as the field director for all the WOL ministries on Jeju. The BIGGEST CHANGE is that he will begin travelling for the purposes of:

1. promoting SYME and WOLBI;
2. meeting and encouraging alumni; and
3. recruiting future staff.

This will probably involve two sets of four trips a year to: the mainland of Korea, Japan, Taiwan and one other new location. Abby and I will travel with Steve some of that time.

ATTENTION!!!

WE ARE NOW SENDING A MONTHLY UPDATE VIA EMAIL CALLED "90 SECONDS WITH STEVE AND RHONDA". IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVING IT AND WANT TO, PLEASE SEND YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS TO ME AT WOLRHONDA@GMAIL.COM

Praises:

- Our schedule while in the US did fill up and much was accomplished and the team on Jeju did a great job while we were gone.
- Steve's dad and mom did not have any significant problems while we were gone. The Lord has sent a caregiver for the next three months to help dad and mom full-time.
- The transition has gone very smoothly so far. WOLBI Jeju is in good hands 😊
- Jacob and Anna will not be coming to Korea to teach this year but are working while living in Bangor, ME for this year and hoping to come to Korea next fall. Hope you enjoy our new prayer card from the wedding!

Prayer Requests:

- Steve is actually in Taiwan right now. Lord willing, he will be at SYME Korea Oct 5-10; Japan Oct 26-31 and Nov 23-28 Hong Kong.
- Preparation for the Bible Study Methods class. It takes a lot of work to prepare for any new class.
- 40-50 students for next fall

We are so excited to be able to entrust the ministry of WOLBI Jeju to such capable friends. Our hearts are full of joy over how the Lord has brought us to this point. Thank you for your partnership and prayers!

Rhonda for us all