

Serving with World Wide New Testament Baptist Missions

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"Let thine eyes be on the field that they reap, and go thou after them..." Ruth 2:9

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Dear Friends and Co-Laborers,

Surprise! Surprise! It's the Clines again – not from Korea, but from the U.S. We feel a little like the proverbial ping-pong ball. We were "PINGed" (March letter) and later "PONGed" (June letter) and now we are "PINGed" again. What's going on? Well, let's see if we can get this straightened out.

In March we wrote of the proposed trip to Vicenza, Italy. However, a replacement for an entire year was able to go. This closed the door for Italy. "PING!" Next we wrote in June that we were going to Waegwan, Korea until January 2012. I received my visa from the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., but word came from Korea that Marvina should not obtain a visa here but could get a "Dependent's Visa" once we arrived in Korea. Therefore, on August 1 we were sitting in the Richmond airport waiting for our plane. Our baggage was on the plane and we had cleared security. The Korean Embassy sent word to RIC that we could not fly because Marvina did not have a visa and her ticket was for more than 90 days. We came back prepared to get her a visa here, but the missionary we were to replace decided to return to Korea until January 2012, at which time he expects to have a permanent replacement. "PONG!"

Now back to "PING!" The replacement in Vicenza, Italy has a visa problem there and will have to leave Italy in October. So-o-o-o – guess what? We have been told that we are needed in Vicenza, Italy until January 2012. We don't have tickets yet, but anticipate leaving approximately October 10.

I met a friend a couple of weeks ago in a parking lot, and he said, "I thought you were going to be overseas about now." I told him what I have written here. He responded, "Boy, you have to be really flexible in your schedule." I suggested that it's more like being "fluid" than "flexible." I think I may understand Paul better when he was at Troas in Acts 16:6-9. To hark back to an earlier age when Dagwood and Blondie were on the radio, I recall the introduction to the program. It went like this: "Ah-ah-ah! Don't touch that dial. Listen to (and Dagwood would call --) 'Blo-o-o-ndie!'"

Don't touch that dial – listen for the next installment of the Clines. Seriously, we covet your prayers for us and for the various ministries we are involved in. The Lord has been, and is, so good. We may not always know the path, but He makes no mistakes. He is always in control.

Finally, here is an update on Brother Abraham Ram Lian Uk who was with us in April. As we noted in June he is back in Myanmar laboring among his own people. He was hospitalized for a while with kidney stone surgery but is now back on the firing line. He is teaching in the Biblical School of Theology with some 145 students, ministering in the Yangon Revival Baptist Church, and working on the translation of the Falam Chin Bible. Due to the low exchange rate of the U.S. dollar and scarcity of supporters, Brother Abraham needs some additional support. He is a worthy laborer doing a good work. If some churches would feel led to help him, please contact us or the mission office.

Thank you all once again. May the Lord bless your labors for Him and your care of us.

His and yours for the harvest,

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