

# A DAIR UPDATE



## ANSWERED PRAYERS

### Employment and ministry opportunities here in Wheaton

Given our travel schedule and such, we are very grateful for God's provision of flexible, part-time employment opportunities here in Wheaton. Robert is continuing in his role as j-Teams coordinator with A2, and I (Roberta) am working for a Wheaton professor as well as for a company owned by a family from church one week a month.

I am also grateful for the opportunity to meet a lady named Ann (not her real name). My pastor introduced us after briefly meeting her, and she was so eager to know Jesus! She asked honest questions about needing to be forgiven and to forgive, about grace and faith, about whether or not God could heal her of her bitterness, and if God could understand her if she prayed in Chinese (her native language). We prayed together, and I gave her a Bible. She's been reading the account

of Jesus' life as told by Mark, and we're having some fun discussions (what the big deal is about the Sabbath, who the Pharisees are, how Mark describes Jesus and his interactions with people, etc.).

It's a treat and privilege to be able to witness her eagerness to learn about and know Jesus. I'm reminded about Philemon verse 6: "I pray that you may be active in sharing your faith so that you will have a full understanding of every good thing we have in Christ." Yep, talking with Ann reminds me of and expands my understanding of Christ's goodness and grace. As Robert and I have both primarily been interacting with Christians (and missionaries-in-training at that!) since being in this area, it is very refreshing to be reawakened to new life in Christ. We pray for more such opportunities in the near future.



#### Quiz

Karuizaza (site for A2's spring retreat) was the first city to host an event for both summer and winter olympics. Any guess what events? Answer at the bottom of page 2

# COMMUNICATION

## An attempt at a concise explanation of all the different ways to keep in touch.

With all of the recent technological developments in blogs, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media, it has become more difficult to understand how to best keep in touch with our ministry partners and friends. I (Robert) want to take a moment to explain our strategy as well as a synopsis of each method we are utilizing.

### Purpose

As I have been thinking about the best way to communicate, I was challenged to consider what and why are we trying to communicate. We desire people to care about what we are doing, but we don't want to slip into narcissism. We really want our supporters in the US to be true partners in our ministry in Japan. For this to happen, we must have consistent communication available for those who are interested. I have been trying to come up with a purpose statement to guide our communication, and here is the current draft.

*Adair update exists to creatively and consistently communicate God's story in and through our lives.*

As you read more about the forms we are using, I hope that it is clear that our primary goal is to communicate what God is doing in our lives; whether that is in West Chicago or Japan.

### Newsletter

We are committed to a monthly newsletter as our primary means of communication. It will

include stories, pictures, schedule updates, and prayer requests. We will be sending it by e-mail and regular mail and are happy to send it to you in either form...or both! Also, unless specifically noted in a newsletter, we are happy for you to share them with anyone you feel may be interested.

### [www.Adairupdate.com](http://www.Adairupdate.com)

This website serves as our primary presence on the web. The page is still being updated, but it hosts personal blogs by both of us as well as general information about our ministry in Japan. We just posted a blog entry outlining some of the hopes we have for our trip to Japan (March 2-15).

### Facebook Fan Page

We have also started a Facebook fan page. Any blog updates or other information we post will show up there for those of you who are using Facebook. To find it, just search for "Adair Update" and click the "like" button. From that point on, any information we post should show up in your Facebook feed. Also, feel free to visit the site to comment and dialogue about the material posted there. The fan page feed will also update you any time either of us sends a newsletter, posts a blog on the website, or tweets. This brings us to everyone's favorite subject..



We survived the blizzard of 2011!

### Twitter

To be honest with you, this form of social media isn't the most natural for either of us. That said, I understand that many people use it, and it is a powerful tool for communicating information. We have registered [twitter.com/AdairUpdate](https://twitter.com/AdairUpdate) and attached it to the blog as well as the Facebook page. By following us on Twitter, you will be updated anytime we post on either blog or Facebook.

### Summary

I hope the options presented here are not overwhelming. Our desire is not to give you too many options but to allow you to stay in contact with the two of us in a way that is comfortable for you. We desire interaction with you! So if that means e-mail, Facebook, a letter, a phone call, Twitter, or whatever creative way you can think of, our hope is that these various tools allow us to stay better connected with you as we prepare to minister in Japan.

## Prayer Requests

Please joining us in prayer for our lives and future ministry. Above all, we ask you to pray that we would grow daily in our relationships with Christ and with each other. Also pray that our lives would be oriented in a way that facilitates good preparation for our future in Japan.

### Please pray for:

- Our meetings in Japan with A2 leadership to discuss our placement
- Our first trip to Japan together (March 2-15)
- Language acquisition

### The Yen

Please pray for the dollar to strengthen vs. the yen. This would be a considerable help as we raise support.

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