

John and Jeanne - March 2008

Dear Pray-ers,

Hello from Kyrgyzstan! Thank you for continuing to pray for us. We have had a busy but relatively uneventful month, which is a good thing. It isn't too cold (read, "barely above freezing!"), we haven't had word about what's going on in the parliament, our Kyrgyz church is doing well, and our health is good. Praise God!

In a few days three Kyrgyz young ladies are leaving to attend a women's leadership conference in Turkey. I (John) have been able to help them with their applications, financial aid and logistics for the trip. We are realizing more and more how essential it is to help the Kyrgyz themselves to help their country economically, spiritually, etc. After all, they know the culture and the language better than we possibly ever could. John is finding this aspect of his work here taking more of his time.

Several nights ago we were invited to dinner by a Kyrgyz family we have known since we first came here. It was the mother's birthday. (In this culture, you invite people to your own birthday party!) Most of her family was there, including one of her sons whom we had not seen for a couple of years because he has been going to school and working in Korea. We had a great time, but I (Jeanne) find sitting on the floor for a whole evening getting more difficult!!!

Please -

- *thank God for life going well for us,
- *pray for the ongoing need for a director and teachers for Hope Academy as well as the permits, plans and funds to expand the school,
- *pray for opportunities to encourage believers and help the Church to grow.

God bless you, John and Jeanne