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DR JASTRAM'S CALL

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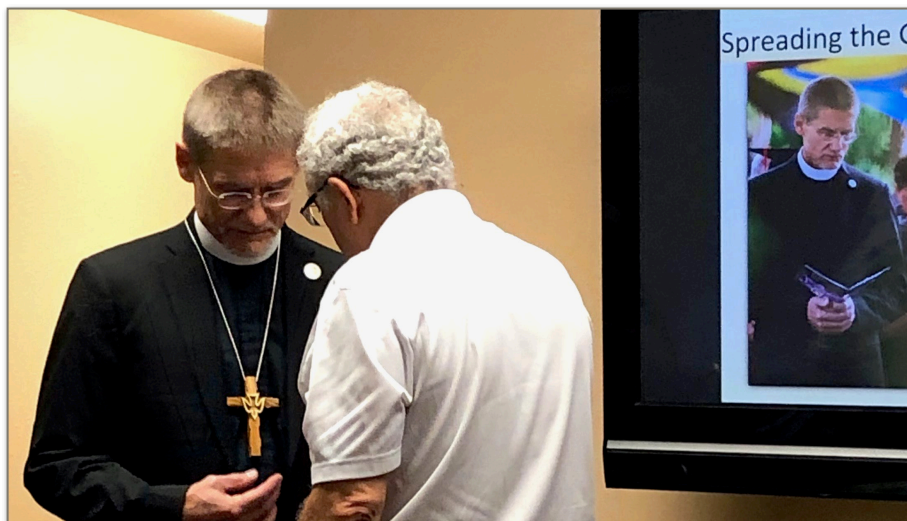
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The East and West



Far East, Near East meet in Midwest: Dan, born in Japan receives a cross from Rev. Nabil Nour, of Nazareth, at Trinity Lutheran Church, where Nour is pastor.

CONNECTING AND RECONNECTING

Dan and I spent July and August traveling in the Midwest to meet with congregations, pastors, and individuals, sharing about Dan's work in Asia. And what an unexpected blessing it was, as you warmly welcomed us into your lives, to hear your own stories of spreading the Gospel — Pr. Utecht's work with Native Americans, a former missionary organizing a theological library in Nigeria, stories from Dr.

Rittmann, a former medical missionary to India decades ago, not to speak of dear former missionaries to Japan, the Szedlaks. (Erno Szedlak also gave Dan a pristine hard-bound out-of-print copy of a 1957 Japanese Small Catechism with Explanation. I wish I could have captured Dan's expression of joy!)

SERVING OTHERS

We heard not only about overseas mission work such as the trips to Hong

Kong spearheaded by Pastor Sturzenbecher, but also saw a diversity of outreach work you were accomplishing in your own backyards, such as helping homeless families get back on their feet and a roof over their heads, crisis pregnancy support — all this while faithfully attending to Word and Sacrament ministry as well as those foundational vocations of parenthood we saw carried out when you invited us to stay in your homes during our travels.

Thank you so much for the opportunity of having this glimpse into our lives of service in the Midwest as we shared a glimpse of ours. I wish that we could tell each of you personally how grateful we are to have had our lives intersect with yours, your words of encouragement, prayers, and even those warm hugs. Just as much as your financial support sustain our work, so do these personal connections!

Other News...

Please Pray for:

- God's blessing in providing future pastors for our partner church bodies.
- Safety and protection in the midst of earthquakes, typhoons, and tsunami.

Give thanks for:

- Missionary safe travels.
- Concord among missionary team members.
- God's blessings of His clear teaching as witnessed in our Catechism.

Praise God for:

- You! The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage us and support us. Thank you!

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RUB-A-DUB-DUB

Family time! We were fortunate that our three children and spouses plus five grandchildren live in the Twin Cities area so it was easier to squeeze in some time with each of them this summer. In addition, what a treat to have them all together at my brother's cabin for a long weekend in August. The three "tub men" squeezed together above are actually our youngest daughter's daughter on the left, our middle daughter's son in the middle, and our oldest son's son on

the far left. (But no room for the two oldest cousins.) They all had some good cousin and family time together.

TOKYO AND FAXAI

Shifting gears, now that we are back in Tokyo... That's TYPHOON Faxai. We just had a brush with Faxai earlier today with some flooding, injuries, and a halt to train service here until an hour ago as I type. We are thankful

there was no loss of life. We

weathered the storm just fine on the western edge of Tokyo.

TIME TO WORK!

After spending some time recovering from jet lag and catching up on emails and such, Dan is now preparing for the three-day Asia workgroup meeting slated for later this month in Taiwan. Of course, it is also a time for continuing education for the other missionaries, which is one of Dan's responsibilities. That means plenty of time in his study these days.

Thank you again for making this work possible through your support. We

*In the words of St Paul, our prayer for the church at home, the church abroad, and for the Church Universal:
"What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus."*

2 Timothy 1:13

- YOUR Missionaries, Daniel and Joan Jastram



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