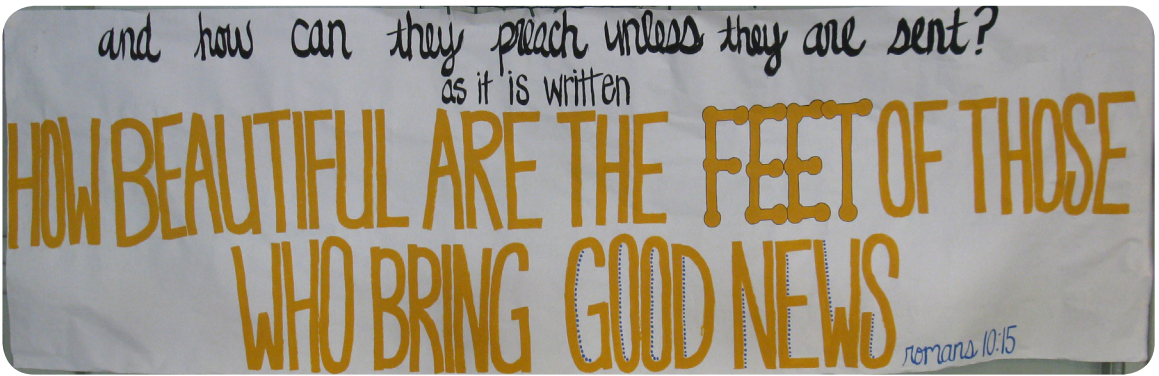


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EAST ASIA BRIEFING

Well, I have to admit that I didn't quite know what I was getting into in leading the East Asia team. I am currently down at briefing in Southern California and have been focused on preparing all the last minute details for our trip. All the other summer project leaders think that my co-leaders and I are crazy in taking over thirty people to a place that we have never been in a country that is closed to the Gospel. And over the two days, we have just been pushing it off saying, "It's no big deal, God will totally work it out." Well, today the

this took a lot of time, but this is one of the few times where all of us are allowed to hang out together because of security concerns in East Asia. What I realized though, is that each of these students is coming from a very different place. Some of the students are excited to be going on a missions trip for the first time, some of the students are worried about friends and family that they are leaving behind, some of the students are stressed about loved ones who are in the hospital, some of the students have been traveling all over the world in the weeks prior to this and are exhausted. But no matter where these students are coming from, they are looking to God and trusting Him to lead and provide. I think one of the clearest examples of this was the spontaneous worship night that I just came back from. I heard through the grapevine that there was a worship session going on and so I went outside to check it out only to find about two-thirds of the students leading and participating in worship. This absolutely blew me away. They demonstrated how on fire they are for God and how passionately they are pursuing Him. I can't tell you how excited I am to spend the summer with each one of these students! God is going to do some amazing things.



students arrived...all of them! In the absolute chaos that ensued, my co-leaders and I just looked at each other and screamed, "What were we thinking?!" The reality is that our team is huge, but as I have learned in the first couple of meetings with these students, they are passionate about their faith. Earlier tonight, we had a get-to-know-you time with all of our students. We each introduced ourselves and explained how we were coming in to this summer project physically, emotionally, relationally, and spiritually. Obviously with such a large team,



PRAYER REQUESTS

- For our team to be unified and truly one in spirit and purpose (Phil 2:1-3)
- For the hearts of the East Asian students to be opened to the message of Jesus Christ
- For God to raise up a group of East Asian students who could eventually lead on this campus