



**Kyrgyzstan**  
**Christa & John Tsai**  
**Prayer Letter**  
**September 2022**

Dear Prayer Partners,

After almost 3 years of preparation from Nov 2019 to Aug 2022 through many obstacles we partners of 5 families finally finished the construction of a three story building in Bishkek. This includes buying a piece of land, selecting and working with architect for the design, going through many revisions through Pandemic time, submitting to the government for approval, working with contractor to build this building. We faced many challenges with neighbors and utility companies. But now it is finally done.

We partners flew to Kyrgyzstan for this grand opening. Christa could not travel with me for this long distance and so she was left behind in the US. Fortunately, our son Ivan flew back to be with mom to make sure she is OK. Richard and Yatling (missionaries from Singapore) stayed two weeks with me to keep me company. The grand opening spans two days. Friday Aug 19 evening we had many pastors and Christians to come and pray for God's blessings. Saturday Aug 20 we invited many people including potential families who might send their children to our school. Both days we had over 50 people. The ceremony went very well. PTL. Starting Aug, we only have 6 children attending. But now in Sep we already have over 40. More are coming. We have to quickly prepare the 2nd floor classrooms to double the number of children.

Our kindergarten in Tokmok is also doing well. We are now maxed out at 48 children. Parents are more interested in their children's education. We are looking into ideas of expanding the kindergarten here. One could be building an attached classroom to add another 20 students. Another could be using our house for classrooms. We will see how God leads. Please pray for our wisdom of making the right decision.

In these three years I have seen many changes in Kyrgyzstan. The economy seems to be improving a lot. Many main roads in Tokmok and Bishkek were paved. Signal lights are replaced with digital signals. Teachers and government workers are getting better raises. I was told that corruption is much less allowing more funding to the people. They do not seem to be affected by the Russian Ukraine war. However, inflation is about 20%. People seem to be happier.

The most comforting is that we have seen many young people we knew grow up and are taking on the ministry. Peter is pastoring a Russian church in Tokmok. Ravil is a leader in LSI. Many children from orphanages are married and working. There are many new missionaries coming to fill the gap we left behind. IUCA and The College both have 350 students each. This is exciting to witness. I still remember vividly that in 2008 we only started with 51 freshmen/sophomores. GLEC is successfully taking over Elder Yang's vision and expanding it. PTL.

Please Pray

1. Bishkek kindergarten continues to grow under Kanat and Eliza's supervision. Montessori trainers to train our new teachers.
2. We know how to expand Tokmok kindergarten to serve the locals.
3. Christa twisted her right foot and is healing quickly.
4. Churches in Kyrgyzstan are getting a revival.

May God be with you.

In Him,  
John and Christa