

December 2008

Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings! James has been serving as minister at San Ramon Valley Gospel Church since July 2004. This year 12 people were baptized and we moved to morning worship in November. Winnis continues her private practice as a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in Fremont and San Ramon. As founder and director of Parenting ABC, she enjoys giving workshops and seminars, and publishing newsletters with tips on relationships with self, others and God. Some other highlights:

- From December 25th 2007 to January 8th 2008, we traveled to Europe to train Chinese Christians with For All Saints Team Ministry. This is amazing because we got onto the plane exactly six weeks after James had a vitrectomy surgery on his left eye in 2007. His left eye has very good vision now.
- Winnis taught six workshops at BASS convention in March. She has given many other workshops and seminars around the Bay Area through out the year whenever time permitted.
- Winnis completed further extensive training as a couples therapist from September 2007 to May 2008.
- James had vitrectomy on his right eye on June 10th, July 29th, and Nov. 18th, with many in-clinic procedures in between due to complications such as retina detachment. His right eye is in recovery.
- We attended fellowships, Bible studies, trainings, retreats and visiting homes together or separately.
- We celebrated our 33rd wedding anniversary in July and became grandparents in September!

Together we rejoice and give thanks for:

- Our son Scott who loves God and graduated from Western Seminary with M.Div. in June.
- Scott and his wife Beth who love and serve God as a couple, daddy and mommy.
- Ella who is the cutest baby in the world.
- Lily who became Great-Grandmother and continues to worship God and teach Chinese brush painting at age 87.

Here's a photo of all of us on Christmas Eve, 2008.



Our lives have gone through many changes this year. Like you, we have been affected by the big events and happenings in the United States, China, and around the world. In spite of ups and downs, we know the Chinese words for crisis = danger + opportunity. We believe these tougher times are blessings in disguise and chances to grow! We trust that our Lord is faithful, His grace is sufficient, and His love will see us through. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Love, *Winnis and James*