

The Cogan Courier



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Some AKSOM Highlights 2009-2012

Since January 2009, when the first AKSOM classes were taught at three venues in Anchorage, Kenai, and Fairbanks, the enrollment has grown from the original 25, to over 411 students who have taken part in the program by May 2012. Currently we have 105 active students.

There is more to that statement than the numbers, it is about the seeing the men and women prepared, equipped, enabled, empowered, developed, and educated through this ministry. It is also the pride in their accomplishments as they move into ministry throughout the state of Alaska and the world.

The effectiveness of AKSOM can be seen over the last three years from the percentage of credentialee's recognized at our Alaska Network Ministry Conference Ordination service. In Spring, 2010 there were seventy-three (73) percent of the credentialee's that had taken AKSOM courses preparing for ministerial credentials. In 2011 there were seventy-four (74) percent, and this year eighty-nine (89) percent. This increase is both dramatic and encouraging, with each person an answer to prayer.

We wish to thank all of our supporters as we could not carry on this ministry without your prayers and support. Though Wade is the Director of AKSOM, we are totally supported by you through U.S.

Missions. Thank you again for all your support.



Wade, Rebecca and Philip Brown: ready to leave for China.



The Lion's Gate in Nanjing.



Students are very focused on the teachings.

China Update:

Wade is traveling with Philip and Rebecca Brown who are students completing the AKSOM

program to Chengdu, China during the month of June 2012. Rebecca was born and raised in Chengdu and has a thorough knowledge of the church meeting in the city. She will be translating the classes I will be teaching into Mandarin Chinese as we meet in the house churches. They meet in the evenings after the people have finished working for two hours in various homes.

This is the fulfillment of a dream I've had since my early days of Bible College when God placed a love for the Chinese people on my heart. We are praying that God will give us open doors for many opportunities to minister while here.

I will be updating our website with pictures and information as Wade send them to me so you can keep up with what is happening at www.wadeandsusancogan.org.

A Note From Susan

AKSOM is closed for the summer but as you can see that doesn't mean we have slowed down. Wade is busy in China and I am spending June catching up on paperwork, (like the Newsletter and updating the Website). I will have a few weeks to spend with my Granddaughter, it will be her first visit to Alaska. I am excited to see what she thinks about the wildlife.

In July, Wade will be traveling with a Missions Team from Rancho Cordova, CA to Dillingham for 10 days. Then after a very short break it will be time to get ready for the new term of classes.

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PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray that. . .

- ◆ Wade's safe return from China.
- ◆ the church from Northern CA missions trip to Dillingham in July will impact that village.
- ◆ we may reach more villages in bush Alaska.
- ◆ students will be encouraged as they prepare for ministry.
- ◆ revival and growth in Alaskan churches.

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