



Luke in his reindeer PJs

**Praises:**

- Maureen - completion of residency
- Tim - Teaching jobs
- Safe & amazing trip to China & the Phils
- God's guidance in choosing Egbe
- Supportive church, family, & friends
- God's daily provision
- Luke!

**Prayer Requests:**

- Placement process with SIM - Egbe
- Job for Maureen
- Financial provision
- Travel safety over Christmas break
- When to attend SIMCO (two-week training event)
- Medical school loans - grant from Medsend
- Prayer & financial support team



Kayaking in El Nido



# McAlhaney Christmas Newsletter and Missions Update

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## Our 2010 . . .

This year has been both tiring and amazing! It was also very eventful. Maureen completed her residency, Luke turned one, and we took a six-week trip to Asia.

Maureen is currently enjoying some down time (fun time with Luke!). She is looking forward to finding a job, but as we look to the mission field does not want to get tied down.

Tim has continued to teach adjunctly for both the College at Southwestern and Liberty University Online. He did take off the Fall semester somewhat to allow for the six-week trip to China and the Philippines.

Luke is growing taller than his clothes will sometimes allow. He is curious about everything, wants to

open and close all doors, and wakes up now by calling "Mama!" or Dada!" with a very intentional tone.

The highlight of our year was the 2010 Asia trip. We flew into Beijing, took the train to Qingdao, and spent time in Shanghai where we took the Maglev Train (431 kph) into the city and attended the Expo. An enjoyable time was spent at the family home in Xiamen and with family and friends in Manila. After attending a wedding (congrats Mike and Fres), we spent a few days in El Nido - simply beautiful!

Thanksgiving was spent with Maureen's family in Arlington and we look forward to Christmas here in Texas and some time in South Carolina over New Year's.



Hanging out on the Great Wall!



Dad and Luke in Qingdao



The Family Home in Xiamen

## SIM and Missions

In May we began the process of applying with SIM to serve as missionaries. We served for two months in 2004 and have long felt God calling us back.

After completing much paperwork, we were invited to attend SIMStart in Sept. During this four-day event we spent time getting to



SIMStart September 2010

know SIM better and began the process of locating a place to serve. Our initial

thoughts were to head back to Nigeria. After much prayer and counsel, we have decided to ask for placement in Egbe, Nigeria.

We covet your prayers as we wait to hear from the field regarding this assignment. The next step will be to attend SIMCO.



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## A Bit About Egbe . . .

SIM missionaries first arrived in [Egbe](#) in 1908 but there are currently no missionaries on site. In 2009 a revitalization project began with a vision to reconnect with the hospital. This will involve a team of new missionaries and various construction projects.

Beginning early next year Samaritan's Purse will begin the physical work involved in the project. For detailed information checkout the website listed on the left.

We are currently aware of one other family interested in Egbe. They are on home assignment and should be heading out late next year. Our goal is to join them as quickly as possible.

### Historical Timeline

- 1908 First missionary Rev. Tommy Titcombe settles in the region
- 1925 Maternity and Clinic established
- 1952 Egbe Hospital founded by Dr. and Mrs. Campion
- 1953 Operating theatre, autoclave room, doctor's offices, outpatients departments, patients waiting room, card room, Ward A and laboratory constructed
- 1954 Ward B completed
- 1955 Nurses Training School (NTS) established
- 1957 NTS renamed to ECWA School of Nursing
- 1962 Ward C completed
- 1965 Central supply room, administration pharmacy, cashiers and accounts, second floor operating suite constructed
- 1970 Eye Centre opened
- 1971 Maternity upgraded, under 5's clinic and pastors' offices opened
- 1976 SIM properties transferred to ECWA. Egbe Hospital renamed ECWA Hospital, Egbe
- 1982 Hospital accredited by the National Postgraduate Medical College of Nigeria
- 1986-1994 Construction of male and female surgical ward, George Campion Nursery, Primary/Secondary School, Calvin Balisky Emergency Unit, staff quarters
- 1987 Chapel of Blessing established
- 1999 Outreach to Fulani's initiated
- 2002 Hospital celebrates its 50th Anniversary
- 2006 ECWA School of Nursing and ECWA School of Midwifery accredited by the Nursing and Midwifery Council of Nigeria
- 2008 Centennial Celebration marking the arrival of Christianity to the region
- 2009 Egbe Hospital Revitalization Project established

**SIM's motto is "through prayer" and our main purpose for sending this newsletter is to ask for your prayers. Our desire is to serve God daily and we ask that you pray for us in this regard. Also pray specifically for our calling to serve as missionaries. We know that God works in and through his people who seek his will through prayers. Our prayers are also with you as we begin this journey together!**

***Mark 11:24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer,  
believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.***

***Ephesians 6:8 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of  
prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always  
keep on praying for all the Lord's people.***