



## Collique: A Closer Look

*Here's a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many? John 6:9*

August 2010

### DAILY TREASURES OF THE LORD

As we interacted with our OSA students and got to know them more personally each day, we realized as a staff that we were not reaching them as much spiritually as we had hoped. Some had a clear understanding of the Gospel, others could repeat answers they had heard in class, but not explain what it meant, and some reflected other belief systems in their answers. One of our goals at OSA is to reach the students not only academically but spiritually as well. This made us spring into action to decide how to bring the Bible and Jesus Christ to them on a more per-

sonal level. What we decided on was a character education program, based on 49 character qualities of Christ. This program gives us the opportunity to teach values from a Christian perspective. The idea is to make the Bible come alive to them in their daily life, and give them ways to apply what they learn here at home, at school and at OSA, where we can reinforce the concepts. We want to see our beloved children find wisdom from God. As the Bible teaches. *My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you... then you*

*will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. Proverbs 2:1-5.* We will be sharing these character qualities as a daily devotional before every class. It has been going really well so far, and the children seem to enjoy the lessons and activities. It's a productive way to share the Bible with the children. We can observe the children search to find a deeper understanding and to apply it to their day. *Please pray that the children will be receptive to the word of God and learn to walk in obedience of Him.*

### Prayer Requests

This month we ask our Partners to be in prayer with us regarding:

- The new daily devotionals we have added to our classes would benefit not only our students but the OSA staff as well
- Health for Chris and Jess who are both sick with a cold and asthma
- New ways to reach the OSA fathers
- Safe travel for Ruth and Daniel as they visit for an OSA staff development
- Guidance in the preparation for the Community Bible study Jess will start in October
- PRAISE! Joshua is doing much better in school in regards to his behavior
- New ways to reach out spiritually to the community

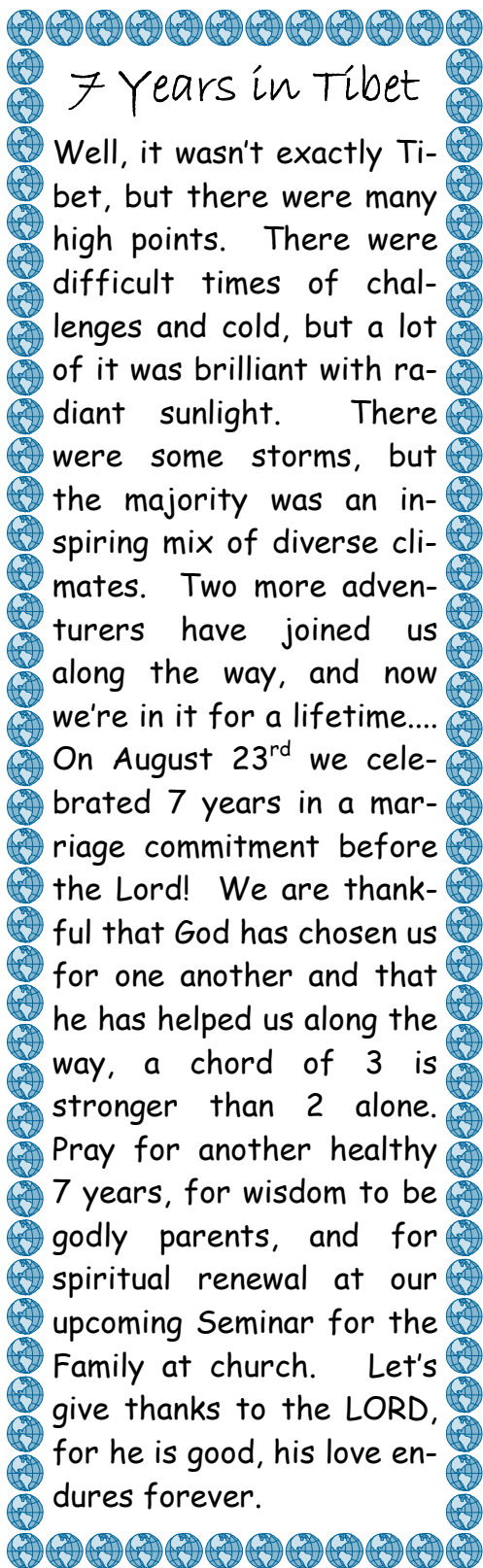
I will sing of your love and justice, LORD. I will praise you with songs. Psalm 101:1 NLT

We recently attended a birthday party of some acquaintances from the area. As the party developed, we realized they were Christians because of the music. At one point during the activities, a particular worship song began on the CD. Immediately, Joshua stopped what he was doing, moved to the middle of the room, and began to sing and worship with an interpretive dance (a video of his interpretation done at home is on our blog). Jess and I were both moved to tears as we watched our growing son worship the Lord with all his heart. What a blessing to see his relationship with the Lord develop.

### August's Thought

But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear.

**Matthew 13:16**  
NLT

7 Years in Tibet

Well, it wasn't exactly Tibet, but there were many high points. There were difficult times of challenges and cold, but a lot of it was brilliant with radiant sunlight. There were some storms, but the majority was an inspiring mix of diverse climates. Two more adventurers have joined us along the way, and now we're in it for a lifetime.... On August 23<sup>rd</sup> we celebrated 7 years in a marriage commitment before the Lord! We are thankful that God has chosen us for one another and that he has helped us along the way, a chord of 3 is stronger than 2 alone. Pray for another healthy 7 years, for wisdom to be godly parents, and for spiritual renewal at our upcoming Seminar for the Family at church. Let's give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his love endures forever.

### Upcoming Events

- September 17<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>:  
OSA staff development
- September 22-25<sup>th</sup>:  
Seminar for the Family at *Alianza Cristiana*
- September 26<sup>th</sup>:  
Paseo Familiar- OSA family outing
- October 25-29<sup>th</sup>:  
Medical Campaign

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