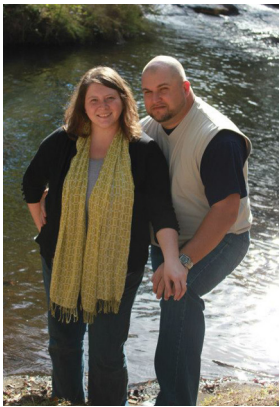


Hitting the Ground Running

We returned home in early February after spending three very productive months in Vietnam. We had lined up several church visits and conferences before we left so that as soon as we were state-side we could begin sharing all the great work the Lord is doing in Vietnam. Our very first Sunday back, we visited the Watermark Church in Orange Park, FL pastored by Reverend Tim Larson and his wife Elisabeth. We were so blessed to be able to fellowship with this couple and since Elisabeth is from Vietnam originally, we are hopeful they may join us on the mission field for a visit at some point.



We also traveled down to Lakeland, FL and were very blessed by our time at Northside Baptist Church and Dr. Dan Yaw. Dr. Yaw was one of the pastors who come over to help teach our inaugural session of the Bible Institute and for that we are forever grateful. We were able to attend and share at the Sunday service and God really ministered to our hearts through each of the services and the generosity of this church. Dr. Yaw's congregation supports over 36 missionaries each month. Praise God for Northside Baptist Church and their heart for supporting missionaries.



In addition to visiting churches in Florida, we were able to spend several weeks in the Atlanta area. One of the churches we visited there was The Connection Church in Jonesboro, GA. Pastor Lance Sumner and his wife Deena (*pictured left*) opened their arms to us as if they have known us forever. It was truly a divine appointment and immediately they became dear friends. The Connection Church did not hesitate to add us as one of their missionaries that they pray for and support financially every month. We were so blessed by their generosity but in addition to their support, Pastor Lance made a commitment to come to Vietnam in December and train our pastor-students on pastoral care. What an amazing blessing and a true shot of joy so early in our home stay!

Easter in Two Egg, Florida

After we left Atlanta, we spent some time at the New Hope Free Will Baptist Church near Two Egg in Jackson County Florida. This is a parish that is very near and dear to our hearts for a number of reasons. This was the very first church I pastored when I was in Bible College. These folks love me and they have become more like family to us over the years, being faithful to pray for us and have always given whenever they felt the need.

I love them dearly and know there is great need there. For about a year now, they have gone without a Pastor and their attendance had dwindled down to around 11 faithful folks. So Lien and I vowed to take a month off from "Raising Funds" to help them during Easter. We worked with the church to help organize an outreach at one of the local parks. There we were able to share the Gospel with over 150 people, hand out 50 Bibles, and bless the families with over \$400 worth of certificates for free food and rides at the park. God really used this experience to bless and encouraged us. We were also able to assist with a beautiful Easter Sunrise Service followed with a country breakfast and powerful Resurrection Sunday Service.



The faithful brothers and sisters at New Hope (*pictured below*) have truly helped me to become the man I am today, through their enduring encouragement, constant prayer, and financial support when I was truly in need. We continue to be blessed by them as they continue to invest in our life and our mission work in Vietnam with a monthly pledge toward our ministry. As one person shared with me recently, "It seems as though gifts frequently pour out from the widow and her two cents." With brothers and sisters in Christ like this, we understand "Together we are doing it."



Luther Rice University Mission's Conference

One of the reasons we came home in February was so we could attend the annual Mission's Conference at Luther Rice University in Lithonia, GA. We had been invited by Missions Director, Dr. Ron Long. He and his wife had traveled to Vietnam in January to help open the Bible Institute and during that visit they poured into us wise counsel and much advice on how we could go about raising the support we needed to continue operating the Bible Institute.

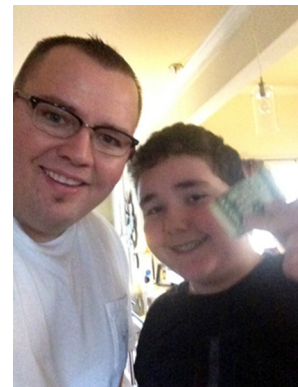


We were so blessed to be a part of this three day event where missionary organizations from all over the world were given the opportunity to display the work of the Lord through them. (*Lien, with SALM67 board member Julie Washer, are pictured on the right*). A few mission groups were selected to share during the Chapel services and SALM67 was one of the organizations selected. Dr. Long (*pictured left*) has been on our team since the inception of SALM67 and his experience and counsel has blessed us beyond measure. We want to openly thank God for him and his dear wife and ask the Lord to continue to richly bless them in all areas of their life.



Special Gifts and Special Thanks

While we were in Atlanta we had a chance to stay with my sister and her family in Kennesaw, GA. We love staying with them because they are so peaceful and loving and it is simply refreshing to be with them. One Sunday morning as we were preparing to go to Jonesboro to share at the Connection Church, my little nephew wanted to tag along to see what all we did. Well he did and was touched by the pictures of the pastors, and heard the stories about the Christians in Vietnam and was stirred. When we were traveling back home, he said, "Uncle Shaun, I have \$20 that I have been saving and I want to give it to you for those pastors." I was blown away by his love and concern and I have kept that same \$20 in my wallet to give it to one of the pastors when I arrive back in Vietnam. Praise God for such a generous heart at such a young age. He was willing to give all he had, with no hopes of getting anything in return, in order to be a blessing to a man of God in a far away land. May the Lord teach me to give like this!



The Springs Church and Pastor John Bailey - As we were just starting to organize SALM67 Ministries, we had the opportunity to attend a service at The Springs Church in Jacksonville, FL and met Pastor John Bailey. Pastor John shared with us that he was a missionary to Ireland for almost 9 years and would love to help us in any way he could. He has since been more than generous with his time, mentoring us on what it means to be a missionary and how to raise up Godly financial partners as well as prayer warriors. He has been an invaluable resource for establishing budgets and creating solid processes to ensure accountability. Being a missionary is probably the toughest thing I have ever had to encounter and it means the world to have Godly people with wise counsel pour into Lien and me. Thank you, Pastor

John and our new loving church family at the Springs Church Jacksonville.

Pastor Rick and Mrs. Kim Hagans - We were blessed with the opportunity to visit Pastor Rick and his wife Kim in May (*pictured right*) and they opened their hearts and their home to us while encouraging us in the Lord in so many ways. I first met Pastor Rick when he took me on my first mission trip to Mexico and it changed my life forever. These two have so many people that depend on them for so much, yet they are so giving to all who are around them. They are what Lien and I strive to be in the Lord and we thank God we have them as our friends, mentors and partners to Vietnam.



International Association of Grace Ministries - We would also like to take a moment to personally thank Dr. Dan Lewis with IAGM. We were partners with IAGM for about nine months and Dr. Lewis even came to Vietnam in January to help us open the Bible Institute. (*Pictured on the left*) However through much prayer and counsel we both agreed it was time for SALM67 Ministries to be independent of IAGM. We thank them for the opportunity to be associated with them and glean from them and their experience with missions. We pray they are blessed by God moving forward in all that they do.

Now Back on the Mission Field

We arrived in late February and we were able to share in a church service almost every Sunday except for Mother's Day and Father's Day. The Lord truly has opened up some amazing doors. We would like to thank every Pastor, leader and church that opened up their hearts, doors, and time for us to be with them. We returned to Vietnam mid-June and will be back state-side in December. It is your love, generosity, prayers, and support that enables us to continue to operate the Bible Institute, and train national pastors to reach the Vietnamese people for His kingdom.

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