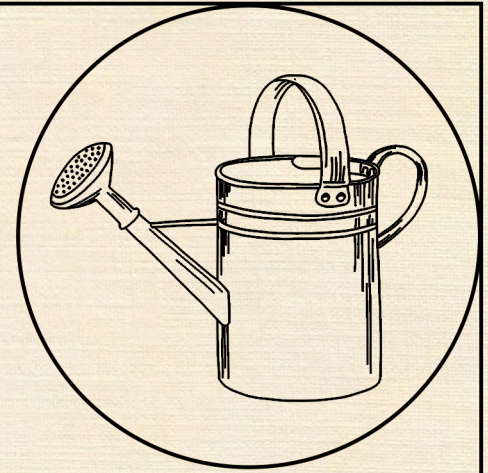


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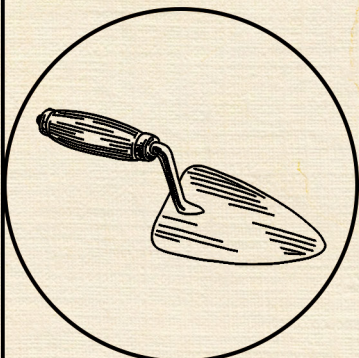
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Dear Summitview,

Since my latest return to Central Asia this January, I got to experience God's healing of my CFS (chronic fatigue syndrome) as my pastor prayed over the Fellowship for healing. This led to way more energy than I am used to, and was super helpful as I quickly became the leader responsible for my team as others were out of the country. During that time I helped take care of my sick teammate, led a prayer night for the team, taught on the social issues of bribery/corruption and poverty, and started learning a local language. That was a sweet season that lasted about a month. I then got hit with another infection in early February which retriggered CFS. Since then I have spent the majority of my time in bed.

I have wondered what God is up to. What is the point of all this? What is the point of me being here if I'll be in bed more than I'll be out in the community? One thing God is showing me and my team is that He is working even when we aren't or don't feel like we are. Because I was home sick, I was able to help my neighbor when she had a question which began to rebuild that relationship since she last chewed me out several weeks ago. Because I've been sick I've had to drop out of language school (again), but at the same time my team leader, who is the owner of an English teaching company, unexpectedly has to move back to the USA and needed to find a general manager for the company ASAP. Working with the company would provide much more flexibility with my fatigue and require less hours of me. If I had not been sick, we would not have thought to make the transition now which was much easier to do with him in the country. We also saw miracles happen in getting all the visa paperwork approved even

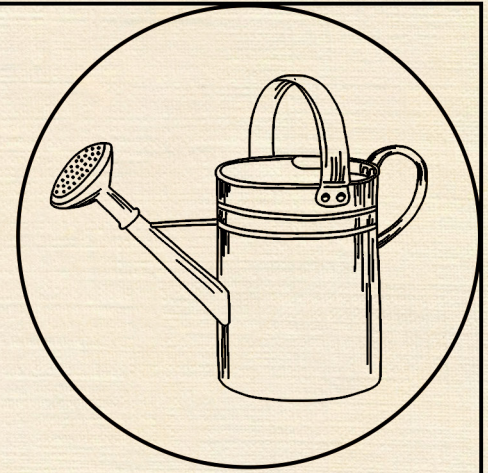




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though we were told it would be impossible with our time crunch. Lastly, I've been trying to connect my pastor with the Eatons (a family on my team) for a year as we are all focused on reaching the D people. For many complex relational/cultural reasons it still had not happened. A couple weeks ago, though, my pastor reached out to me and asked me to invite them to Fellowship which was a huge surprise and step! But because I was sick I was not able to attend myself, which was not ideal as I have a good relationship with all of them. Instead I got to watch (more like hear about) how God was working and building relationships without me having to do much and without me being able to take credit.

Even when I am quite literally not moving, God still is. He is creating deeper connections, providing for peoples' needs, and unifying the nations to reach the nations all while I lay on the couch and sometimes have the mental capacity to pray. It can be hard to write an update, especially for an occasion such as this when I feel like I have done so little, but it is a good reminder that it's not about me and what I can do or produce. It's not even about how much faith I have or how faithfully I pray. God is at work because He is faithful, He loves the nations, and He deserves all the glory.

- Emily

