



# The Kosobuckis

## Outreach to Internationals

*The stranger who resides with you shall be to you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.*  
Leviticus 19:34

Dear Friends

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We write to you on the day after the election, still wondering what the outcome of the presidential race will be. As we watch our nation's moral decline, we have prayed for national and local leaders who would pursue righteousness and uphold justice for another season, even as we look for the blessed hope and the coming of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. We look forward to new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells, when every knee shall bow – in heaven, on earth and under the earth – and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God. *Do you know Him? That's my King. He always has been and He always will be. I'm talking about: He had no predecessor and He'll have no successor. You can't impeach Him and He's not going to resign. That's my King!* -excerpt from a famous 1970's sermon by S. M. Lockyer <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4PQ-tfnAguE>

We continue to seek and share the good news of our King with internationals who are willing to listen. As an update to our last letter, **J** and **C**, who were meeting online with Karl, have come to the end of our Bible study. **J** has found a job and now has less time, but **C** continues to attend Global Connect online and has an ongoing interest in understanding the gospel.

Jo Ann is meeting online for Bible study with **Y**, who is now back in China, and also **S**. Both have many questions that seem to indicate a growing desire to grasp a biblical worldview that we pray will lead them to embrace the gospel of Jesus Christ. **S** also attends Global Connect online.

**X** was a visiting scholar who has returned to China. She is a believer who attended Global Connect and also wanted to continue doing so online, but now she has asked us to withdraw our invitations to her for online events like this because of security concerns. In her role as university professor she is monitored by the government and doesn't feel safe receiving this kind of correspondence from U.S. Christians anymore.

Our church's ESL program has gone from 120 students pre-COVID to 20 now. About 6-7 of these attend Jo Ann's class. Those who come continue to get good ESL training and also hear the gospel every week.

Please pray for us as we continue to reach out to internationals, especially at Thanksgiving and in December. We are not able to hold our big Thanksgiving dinner outreach as in previous years that drew 150-200 guests, but we are inviting some internationals to our house on that day.



One of two recent outdoor film nights at a colleague's house to meet and get to know internationals.

The ministry to internationals goes on, albeit differently than before COVID. We have lately been reaching out to a couple of guys from Taiwan and several people from Turkey



including **U** and **M**, the couple pictured here. We pray God will continue to open up more doors of opportunity to share Christ and disciple international believers.

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# Family Update

## Annie

Since this past January, Annie and Lydia have been serving a one-year commitment with Trans World Radio on the island of Cyprus. Annie “hit the ground running” upon arrival but then got somewhat “grounded” when Covid reared its ugly head. In spite of the challenges brought on by the virus, she’s been able to contribute in significant ways to the work there. TWR leadership has asked her to return to serve long-term. Annie believes this is God’s leading in her life and plans to begin raising prayer and financial support for long-term service when she, along with Lydia, returns to the U.S. in December.



## Lydia

Lydia also got right to work upon her arrival in Cyprus. However, TWR’s graphic design department was in the process of going through major leadership changes making Lydia’s year significantly more challenging. She weathered the storm, however and is presently, seeking God’s direction regarding long term ministry in Cyprus. TWR has asked her to help develop and implement their member care media program, while also continuing part time in her graphic design role..

Both Annie and Lydia have also been heavily involved in ministering to the young women in the youth group of the church where they worship and serve. The picture above was taken at a youth retreat. We know they would appreciate your prayers as they seek Gods guidance in many details of life.

## Ellie

The end is in sight for Ellie and her constant study, study, study...as she anticipates the completion of her degree in Medical Lab Technology in May. It’s a great program, even sending the students to various hospitals and labs to gain experience in the field. She loves what she is learning and it fits well with her analytical mind. Ellie turned 20 in June ending an era of raising teen-agers for us two parents. Where did the time go!?



## Justin & Anna &...

If you noticed the additional “&” above you caught our little hint to announce that our family is enlarging. Needless to say, we are all delighted and excited at the news that Anna is expecting our very first grandchild! This will certainly begin a new era for the happy couple and the thankful grandparents also! Anna is doing amazingly well through the pregnancy, even continuing her nursing at a local hospital. Justin officially completed his Marine career in late October and has been filling his time loading trucks at the local UPS. He’ll keep that up until he begins his four-months of training at the police academy in mid January. Busy times are in store for this couple!



**We are very grateful for your continued interest and investment in this ministry.  
Warmly in Christ, Karl and Jo Ann**