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Greeting from the Unique City of San Ming, China,

The 2nd Semester

This new semester is going to be a fun and exciting as well as a tiring semester. Since I am the only male house parent it was decided that all the extra special (trouble) children will be placed in my dorm for me to handle. I must say it is a privilege to be counted worth of such an honor.

When my children came back from their holiday vacation February 20th I was all rested up and ready to plunge into child training, but by Saturday I was exhausted and even took a 5 min. afternoon nap. I have 8 boys their English names are:

Brian

Ken

Jonathan

Jack

Edward

Peter

Benjamin

Mark

My boys have many different and unique gifts. These gifts range from the neat handwriting to illegible handwriting, bed wetting to neat closets, hyperactive to lazy, loud to quiet, tall to short, honest to dishonest, etc... It is tuff to once again train my children how to sweep the floor, washing the dishes, cleaning the bathroom, eating with proper table manner, respecting each other, and regarding me as an authority figure all the while being there friend and counselor. Needless to say it is a lot of FUN!!!

Thanks for all the support!!!

Personal Prayer Request:

1. Spiritual protection as It seems I am living in the heart of the dragon
2. I will not be discouraged and lose heart.
3. My life would be a testimony to HIM, even though I mustn't verbally evangelize.
4. Energy and wisdom as taking care of 74 children is a challenge.
5. My children can see potential life and work hard toward their visions.
6. I will be able to learn to speak Chinese

Later,

Stephen Burkholder

PS: For the month of March the only other person that could speak good English is going back to America. Pray for good communication skills!!!