



## **GEOFF AND CHRIS**

### *Serving in Central Asia*

This is certainly the way to spend “retirement”! Geoff and Chris are enjoying a whole new career on the other side of the world.

Geoff worked in the banking world. Chris helped with administrative support in business, as well as having the primary responsibility for the care of their children when they were young. Those now adult children are scattered around the world (Thailand, London and Queensland) and, as a result, Geoff and Chris do not see a great deal of them or their seven grandchildren.

Geoff and Chris first moved to Central Asia in 2002 where Geoff taught International Banking at a University and Chris taught primary school English. After a 15 month period in Australia, they returned to Central Asia. With a desire to immerse themselves in community life and get to know people well, they have since spent significant amounts of time learning the language, working to gain a deep understanding of the culture, and developing relationships.

They love it! Chris and Geoff thoroughly enjoy hospitality, and if friends are not visiting them then they are out visiting their friends' homes. They have been on many enjoyable outings and have gained deep insights into both the culture and the personal lives of their friends and families.

In this context of warm hospitality and deepening relationships, their friends talk with them about all sorts of topics, many of them deeply personal. With so much rapid change all around, they come to ask questions about the issues and pressures they are facing in life. This gives opportunity for Chris and Geoff to offer wise counsel and encouragement and to share from their own life experience. Through these friendships and discussions, people are finding new hope.

Please partner them.

