



International Impact

Inspiring People to Follow Jesus around the World

Han and Leia served in Bospin for 7 years before returning to Knoxville 20 years ago to raise their children and teach at a local Christian university. While living here, they continued to lead short-term teams to Bospin and listen for where and when God might want them to return. Now that their three children are on their own, God has shown Han and Leia the timing is now and the location is new...and challenging...

The Ugnights live in the mountains near Cloud City and speak a unique language from those in Cloud City. Han and Leia came across an Ugnight and asked if anyone they knew was a Christian. The Ugnight sent a Facebook message to all of their friends and family in the area and found that no one was a Christian nor did any of them know anyone who is. As they researched more, they found that the Ugnight language doesn't even have a word for God or a supreme being. That is when Han and Leia knew this was exactly where God wants them.

In the spring of this year, WTCC began supporting Han and Leia as Han resigned from his job at the local university and spent three months living in Cloud City and finding places for him and Leia to live and work as they begin this ministry. While there, Han took many trips into the mountain villages learning all he could about these people in a short amount of time. He even found a young man to teach him the Ugnight language.

Here are a few doors God opened:

- Han and Leia both have secured teaching jobs in Cloud City.
- Han found a man who works every other week at a power plant in the mountains who allowed Han to tag along for a week. While there, Han attended a wedding ceremony.
- Han's language tutor invited Han to his family's home in the mountains for a holiday weekend. While there, Han attended a ceremony where a witch doctor attempted to cure a sick woman. The ceremony included waving a live pig over the woman, spitting on the pig, and sacrificing and eating the pig.
- Han found a place for him and Leia to live and received his Bospine driver's license.
- After returning to Knoxville for about a month, Han and Leia headed back to Bospin on Wednesday.

There are countless other stories of what God has done and is doing in, through, and around this family, but we believe the best is yet to come.

Please pray for Han and Leia as they begin this new chapter in the story God is writing. We thank God that we get to play a part in such an amazing adventure.

Note: For protection, names have been replaced with Star Wars references. If you'd like to know actual names and locations, contact the church office.