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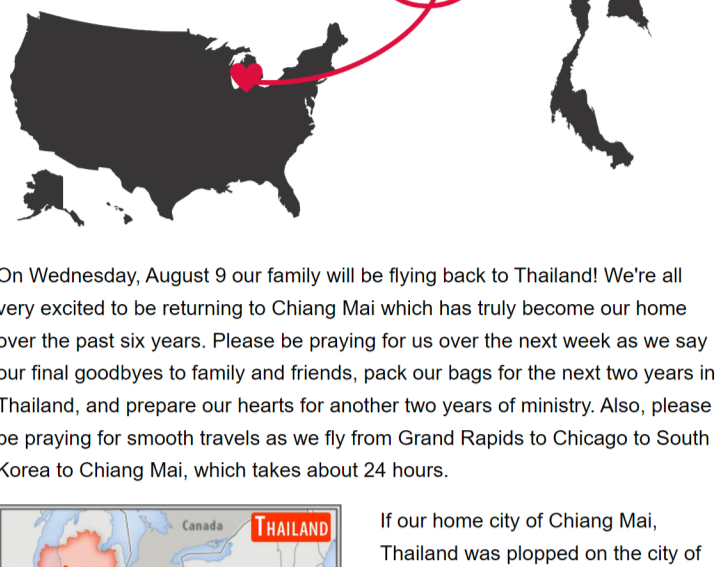
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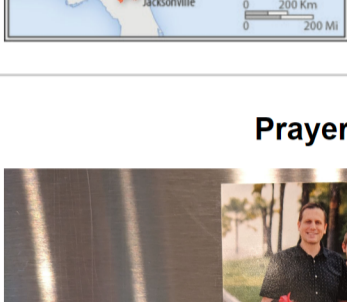
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Flying to Thailand



On Wednesday, August 9 our family will be flying back to Thailand! We're all very excited to be returning to Chiang Mai which has truly become our home over the past six years. Please be praying for us over the next week as we say our final goodbyes to family and friends, pack our bags for the next two years in Thailand, and prepare our hearts for another two years of ministry. Also, please be praying for smooth travels as we fly from Grand Rapids to Chicago to South Korea to Chiang Mai, which takes about 24 hours.



If our home city of Chiang Mai, Thailand was plopped on the city of Grand Rapids, Michigan this is how it compares its size when on top of America. Please pray for us as Greg teaches his online Old Testament class, Rachel prepares for the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op to begin, and we jointly begin a new year of youth ministry with our international teens.

Prayer Magnets



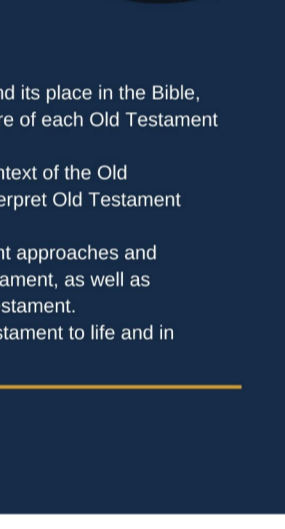
Please let us know if you want a new prayer magnet to put on your refrigerator as a reminder to pray for us! We really value people praying for us, so [send Rachel an email](#) with your mailing address this week if you haven't received an updated magnet this summer and would like us to mail you one.

Old Testament Class

Asia Biblical Theological Seminary

Old Testament Biblical Theology with Greg Vruggink, PhD

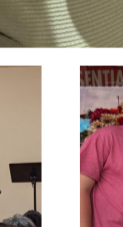
Dr. Greg Vruggink serves as Associate professor of Old Testament for ABTS. Before joining ABTS, he served for many years in Asian American churches in the US.



This course is a study of Old Testament history and literature, with emphasis upon key theological concepts in Old Testament biblical theology. Included is an introduction to the nature and methodology of biblical theology.

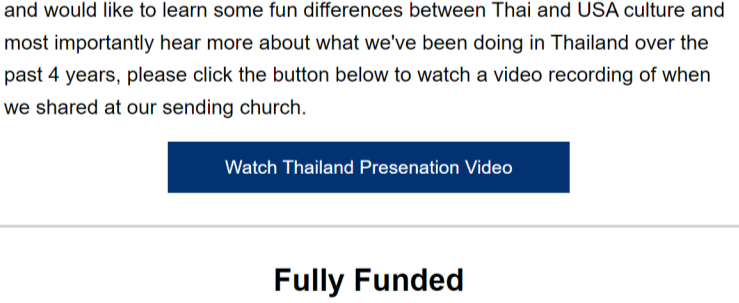
Course Objectives

- At the end of this course, you will be able to:
- Understand Old Testament as a whole and its place in the Bible, as well as the main message and structure of each Old Testament book.
 - Understand the Ancient Near Eastern context of the Old Testament and use that knowledge to interpret Old Testament texts.
 - Practice critical thinking about the different approaches and perspectives on the study of the Old Testament, as well as possible unifying messages of the Old Testament.
 - Practice proper application of the Old Testament to life and in preaching.



On July 24 Greg's Old Testament course began! Greg's students are busy watching lectures Greg's recorded, reading books, and diving into the Old Testament in a new, fresh way. Please pray for Greg's students to grow greatly in their understanding of Old Testament theology, and for Greg's class to spark a joy in them to love and teach the Old Testament to the people in their churches.

East Coast Trip



Praise the Lord we had safe travels this month to Indiana, Tennessee, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York! We had a wonderful time reconnecting with dear friends. We were greatly encouraged by ABWE's Missionary Enrichment Conference, and we loved being with our Chinese brothers and sisters at Long Island Abundant Life Church where Greg pastored for almost 5 years.

It has been such a joy to share about our life and ministry in Thailand over the past few months. If you weren't able to attend one of our missions presentations and would like to learn some fun differences between Thai and USA culture and most importantly hear more about what we've been doing in Thailand over the past 4 years, please click the button below to watch a video recording of when we shared at our sending church.

[Watch Thailand Presentation Video](#)

Fully Funded

Can you help us reach 100% support?

Monthly Partners Needed

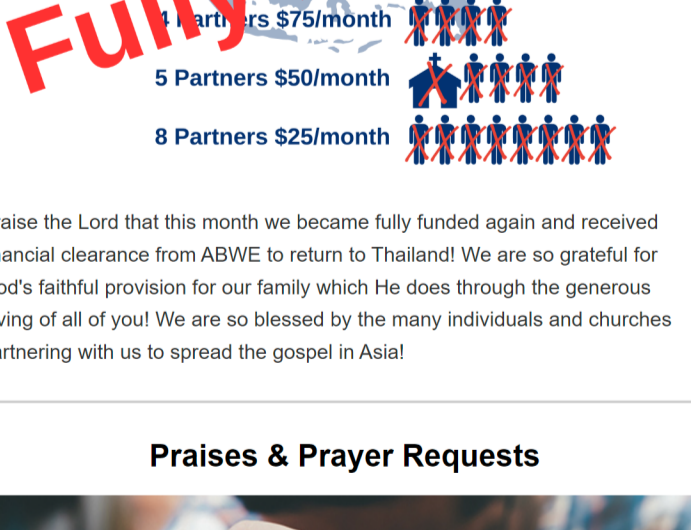
1 Partner \$150/month

1 Partner \$100/month

4 Partners \$75/month

5 Partners \$50/month

8 Partners \$25/month



Praise the Lord that this month we became fully funded again and received financial clearance from ABWE to return to Thailand! We are so grateful for God's faithful provision for our family which He does through the generous giving of all of you! We are so blessed by the many individuals and churches partnering with us to spread the gospel in Asia!

Praises & Prayer Requests



Thank you so much for praising God with us and praying for our needs. Please email us with any prayer requests you have so that we can be praying for you as well!

1) Praise the Lord we've had a wonderful furlough in the United States! Please be praying for us we say our final goodbyes, pack our bags, and fly to Chiang Mai on August 9.

2) Praise the Lord Greg's Old Testament Biblical Theology course has begun! Please pray for his students to grow in their knowledge and love for the Old Testament.

3) Praise the Lord we are fully funded again!

4) Praise the Lord we have many friends and ministries eagerly awaiting our return to Thailand! Please pray for us as Greg teaches his online Old Testament class, Rachel prepares for the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op to begin, and we jointly begin a new year of youth ministry with our international teens.

Thank you so much for your love and prayers for our family!

Greg + Rachel