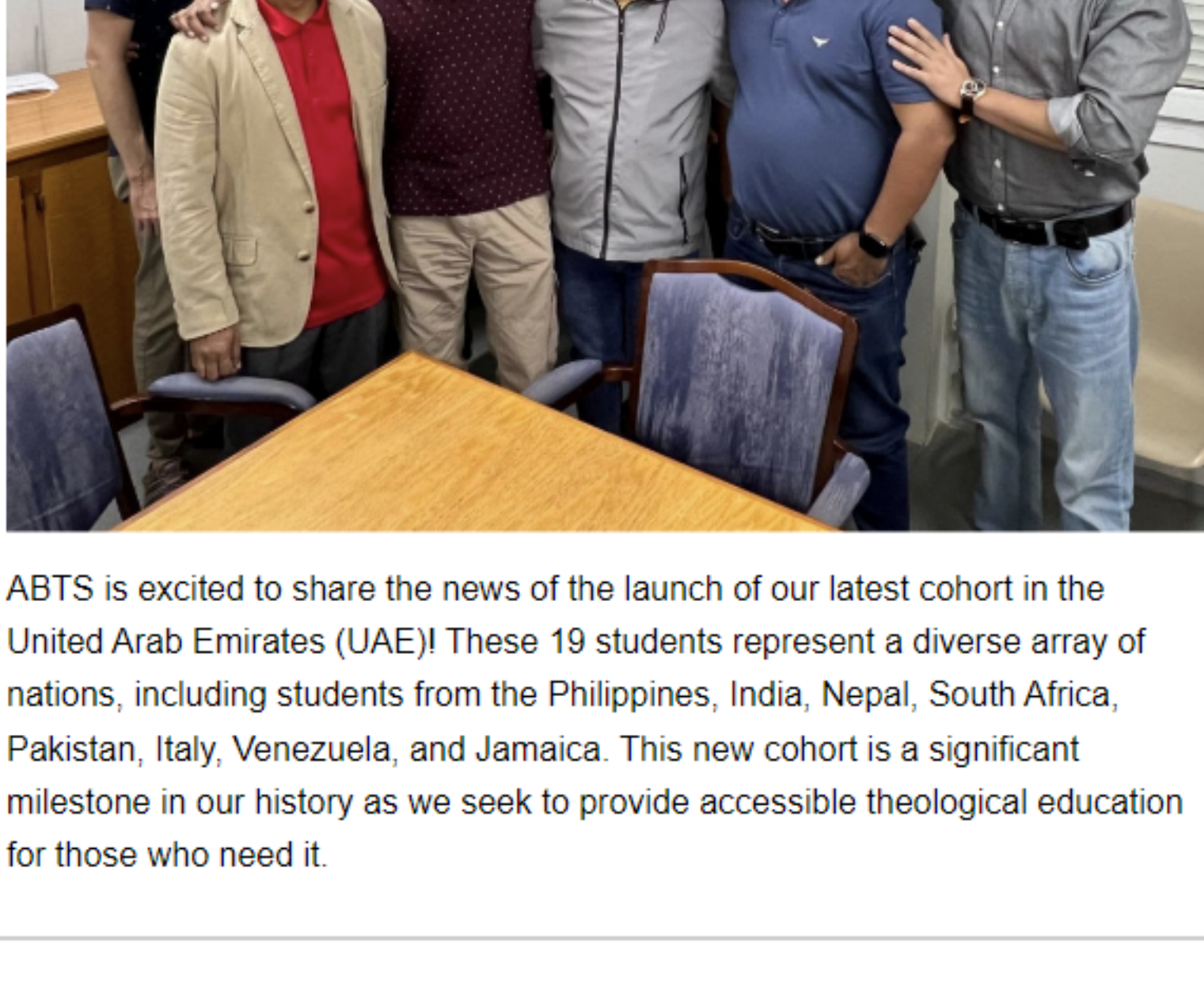


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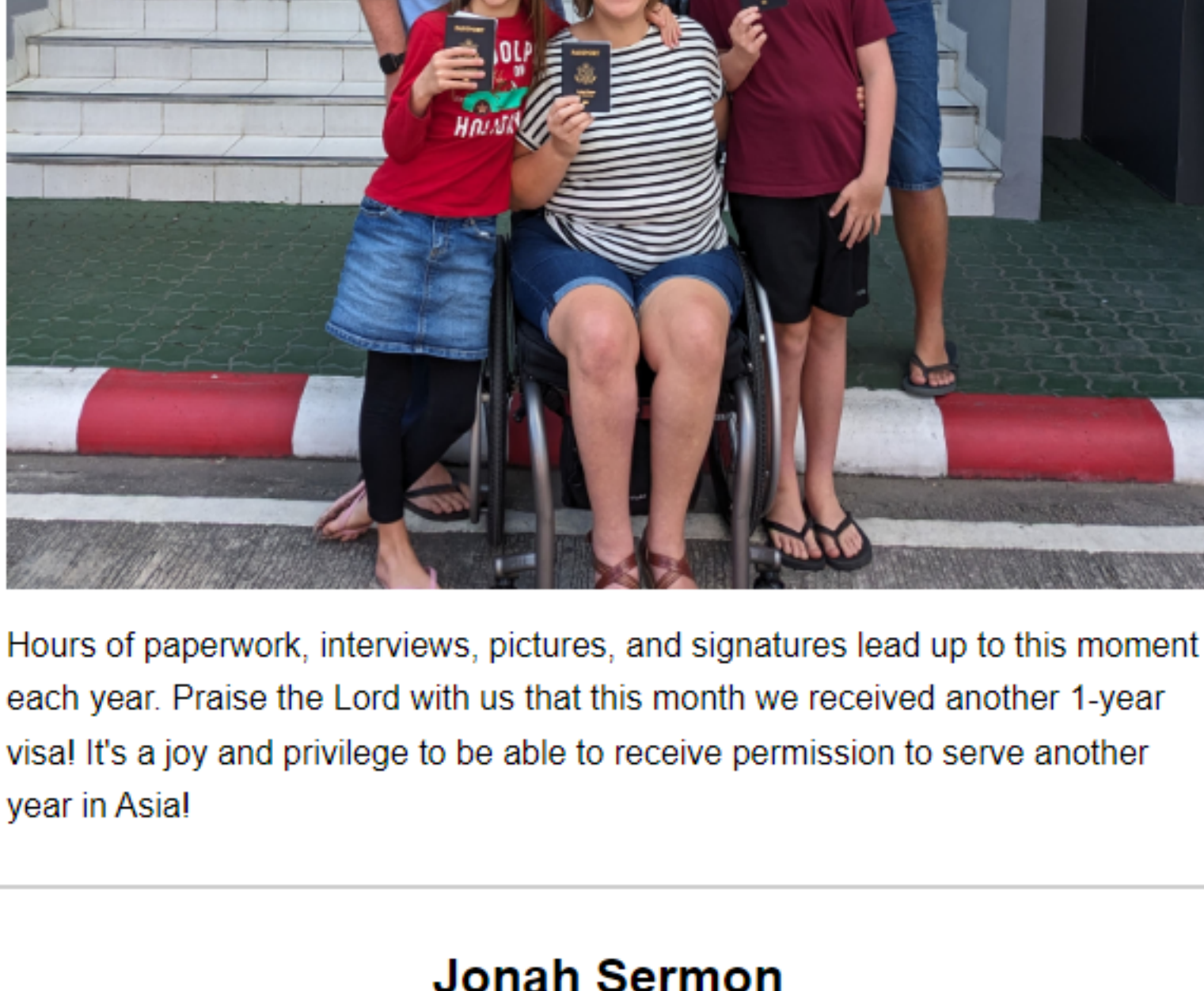
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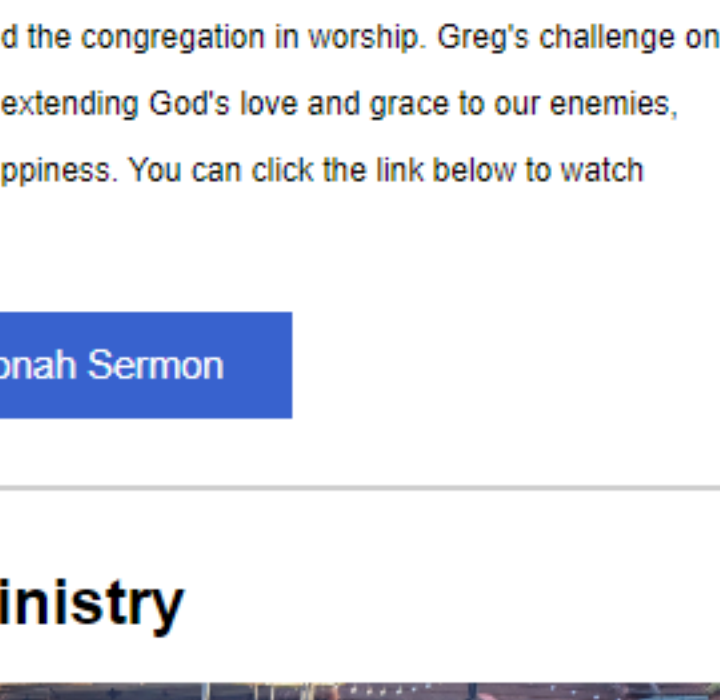
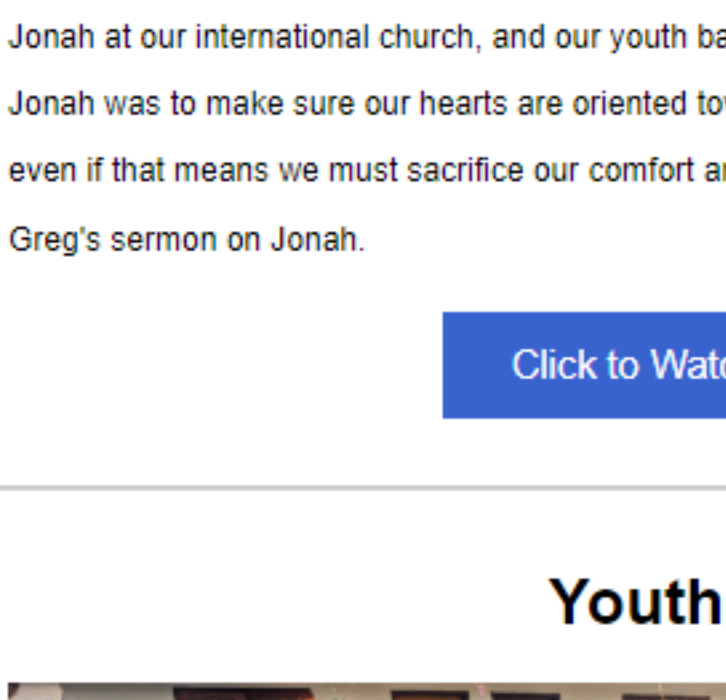
ABTS is excited to share the news of the launch of our latest cohort in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)! These 19 students represent a diverse array of nations, including students from the Philippines, India, Nepal, South Africa, Pakistan, Italy, Venezuela, and Jamaica. This new cohort is a significant milestone in our history as we seek to provide accessible theological education for those who need it.

1 Year Visa



Hours of paperwork, interviews, pictures, and signatures lead up to this moment each year. Praise the Lord with us that this month we received another 1-year visa! It's a joy and privilege to be able to receive permission to serve another year in Asia!

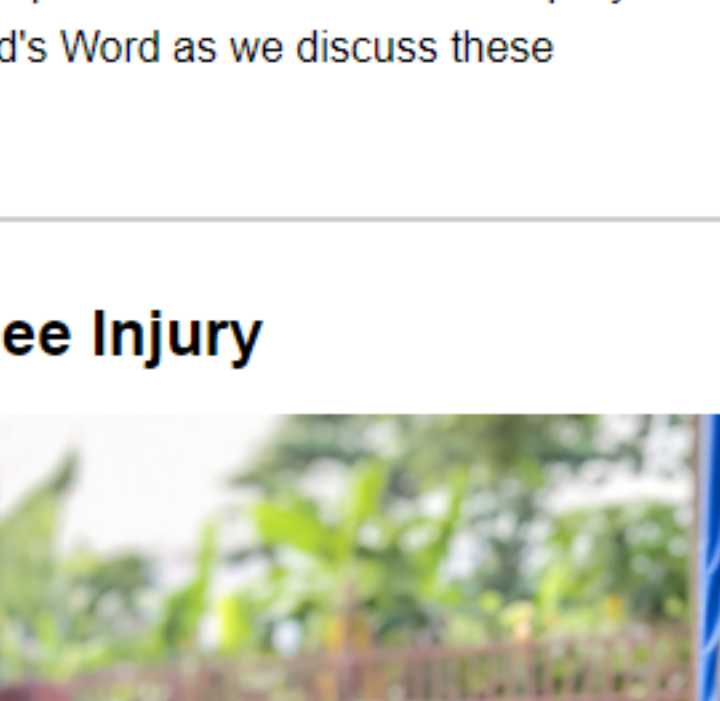
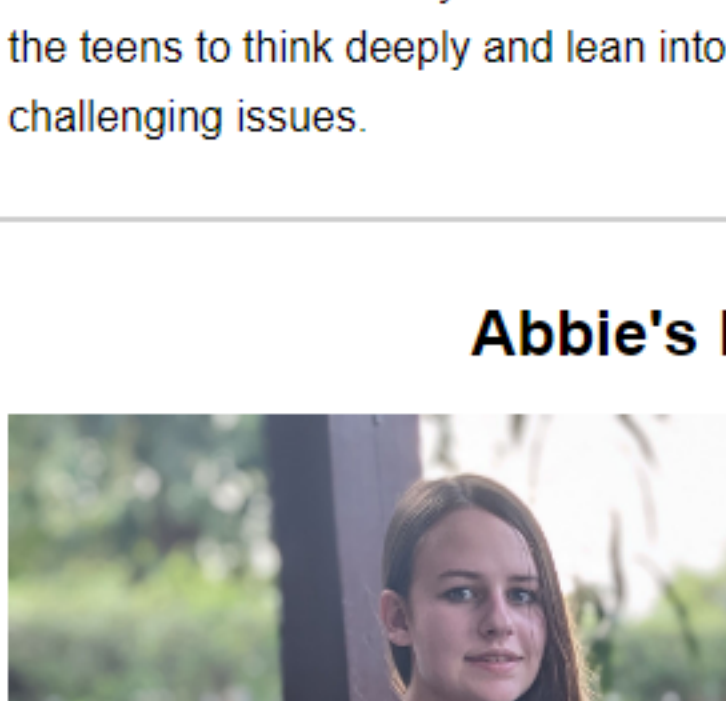
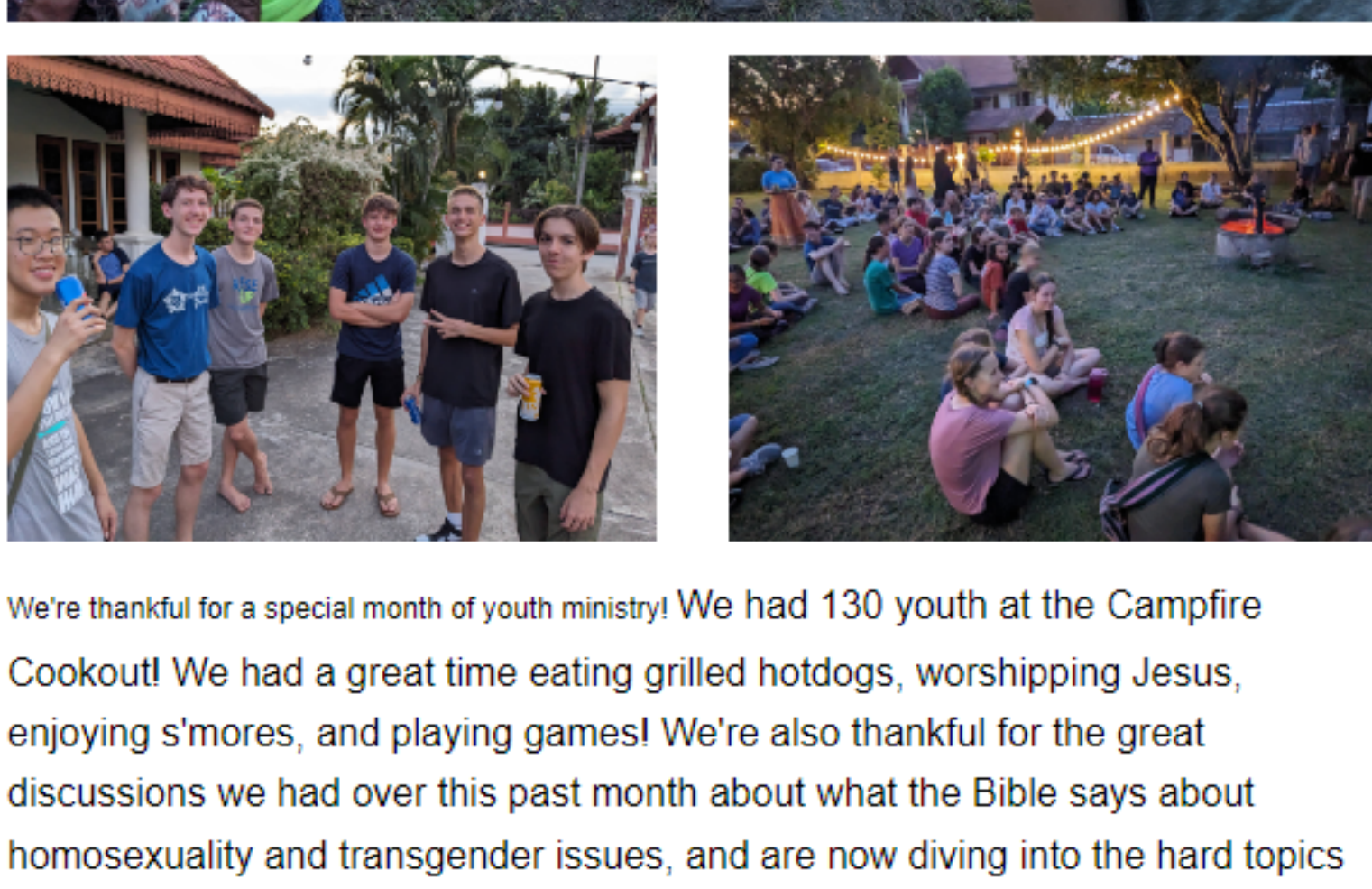
Jonah Sermon



Sunday, November 26 was a special Sunday because Greg turned 41-years-old, preached a sermon on Jonah at our international church, and our youth band led the congregation in worship. Greg's challenge on Jonah was to make sure our hearts are oriented toward extending God's love and grace to our enemies, even if that means we must sacrifice our comfort and happiness. You can click the link below to watch Greg's sermon on Jonah.

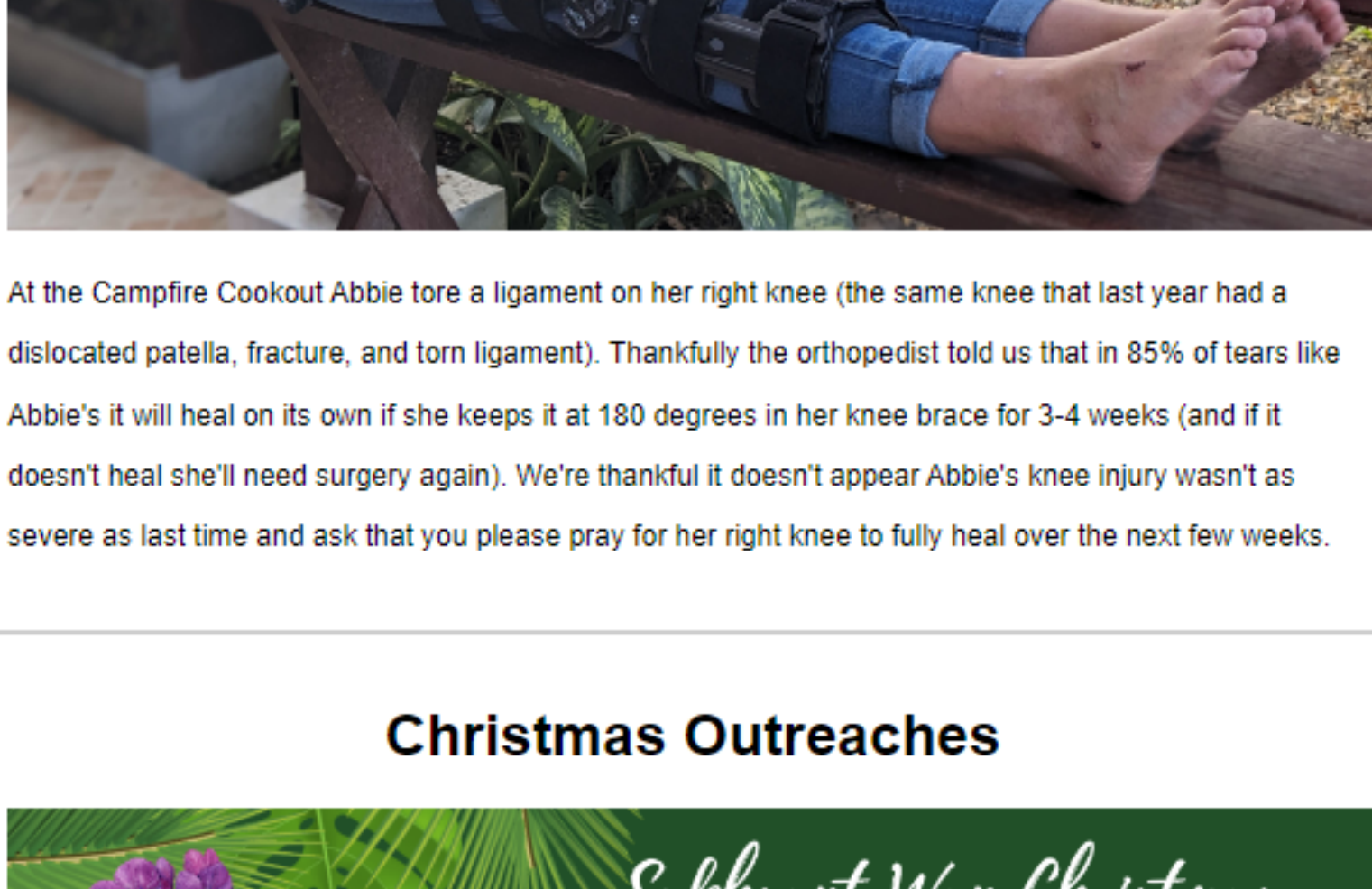
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Youth Ministry



We're thankful for a special month of youth ministry! We had 130 youth at the Campfire Cookout! We had a great time eating grilled hotdogs, worshipping Jesus, enjoying s'mores, and playing games! We're also thankful for the great discussions we had over this past month about what the Bible says about homosexuality and transgender issues, and are now diving into the hard topics of what God's Word says about racism and politics. Please continue to pray for the teens to think deeply and lean into God's Word as we discuss these challenging issues.

Abbie's Knee Injury



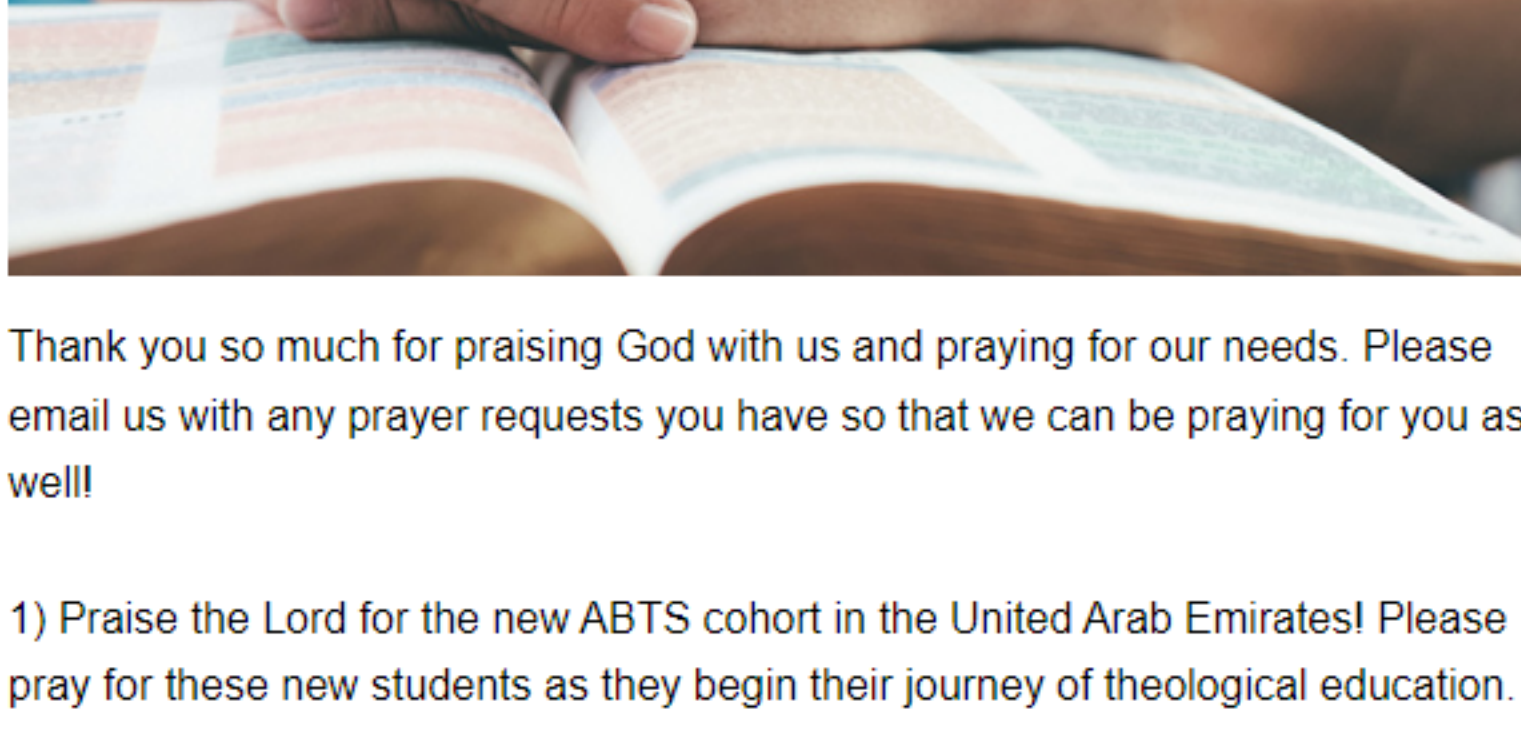
At the Campfire Cookout Abbie tore a ligament on her right knee (the same knee that last year had a dislocated patella, fracture, and torn ligament). Thankfully the orthopedist told us that in 85% of tears like Abbie's it will heal on its own if she keeps it at 180 degrees in her knee brace for 3-4 weeks (and if it doesn't heal she'll need surgery again). We're thankful it doesn't appear Abbie's knee injury wasn't as severe as last time and ask that you please pray for her right knee to fully heal over the next few weeks.

Christmas Outreaches



We're thankful that we have a beautiful month of Christmas outreaches coming up! Rachel is coordinating our international church's Christmas Celebration and Christmas Eve service. We're taking our family and youth group teens to sing Christmas carols at a local nursing home. We're putting together care packages for some families who have come out of sex trafficking ministries. We're hosting multiple parties for our teens, small group, and friends. It will be a busy, festive month of ministry, so please pray for us to remain healthy and enjoy this special time as we point others to the ultimate gift of Jesus!

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 for the new ABTS cohort in the United Arab Emirates! Please pray for these new students as they begin their journey of theological education.

2) Praise the Lord for our renewed 1-year visas! Please pray for continued favor with the Thai government throughout the year as we minister.

3) Praise the Lord that Greg was able to preach on Jonah! Please pray that all of our hearts will be softened as we seek to mirror God's heart for the nations.

4) Praise the Lord for a successful campfire cookout event with the other Chiang Mai international church youth groups! Please pray for us as we continue to talk about "Hard Questions" this school year in youth group.

5) Praise God that Abbie's knee injury was relatively minor! Please pray for the continued healing of Abbie's injury, especially during the busy Christmas season.

6) Praise the Lord for numerous opportunities to minister during this Christmas season! Please pray that we would be an encouragement to many and that we would serve others well as we remember Christ's birth in this season.

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

Greg + Rachel