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Training Trainers

This has been an exciting month for our family as we not only were trained for missionary service ourselves, but we were also able to train others.



Last week our family attended EMC & STAMP training at ABWE headquarters in Pennsylvania! At EMC we learned the importance of considering our country's context when starting churches and ministries. It showed us how essential it is for each team to have a specific, culturally appropriate vision.



We were able to have lots of great discussions with our table leaders (pictured left) - Dr. Ken Cole, an experienced missionary in Southeast Asia, and Dr. Kham Mung, ABTS coordinator for Myanmar.

Upcoming Events

Highpoint Evangelical Chinese Church

Columbus, OH
August 19, 2016

York Baptist Church

Milan, MI
August 28, 2016

Heritage Baptist Church

Manistee, MI
September 18, 2016

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Meanwhile Christian and Abbie attended STAMP training and learned the importance of personal values, language learning, transitions, cultural differences, and what it means to be a third culture kid (meaning they're a mixture of two cultures). They made some good MK friends and it was a great experience for them!



Isaac's Health



This past Friday, the final day of our family's training in Pennsylvania, Isaac got a fever that spiked to 102 F! It's been a rough weekend and this morning he was diagnosed by our pediatrician with Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease. Thankfully the worst is over, he's no longer contagious, and on the way to recovery....just in time to have the VCUG procedure done again this Thursday, August 4.

To be honest in March when Isaac had the VCUG test done it was terrible. Despite being mildly sedated, Isaac screamed and thrashed in obvious pain during the entire test, and even ended up in the Emergency Room a few days later because his urethra was damaged during the procedure. The doctors plan to handle Isaac's sedation differently this time, but we ask for your prayers that the VCUG will not be as traumatic for Isaac.

Physicians assign a grading system (ranging from 1 to 5) to indicate the degree of reflux a child has - the higher the number, the more severe the reflux. In March when Isaac was tested he was refluxing at above level 4 which is considered very severe reflux. Isaac has been potty trained 3 months now which is important because some children's kidney reflux resolves once they're potty trained, so the doctor has ordered another kidney ultrasound and VCUG test to determine what Isaac's kidney reflux level is now. We're praying that Isaac's kidney reflux will be drastically improved which will decrease his risk of needing surgery.

We meet with Isaac's urologist this Friday, August 5 and his nephrologist on August 24 to go over the test results and determine how to proceed. We are grateful Isaac has such wonderful doctors and all of you praying for him!

Bankok Teaching Trip

July 7-18 Greg traveled to Bangkok for an ABTS Old Testament class. Daron Wilson (ABTS professor) was teaching the Old Testament Biblical Theology class, and Greg had the opportunity to teach the Wisdom Literature section of the class for two days! It's such a privilege to train indigenous leaders in Asia who will train their own people in the truths of God's Word. This trip was valuable on many levels, as Greg was able to observe an ABTS class in-depth, gain some teaching experience, get more familiar with Bangkok, and even look at what type of housing is available. These experiences should make the transition smoother when it comes time for us to move. Greg really enjoyed teaching the class, getting to know students, and spending some time with other ABTS professors. Thanks for supporting this trip both financially and in prayer!



Backyard Bible Club



As soon as Greg returned home from Bangkok our family hosted a Backyard Bible Club! We had 12 neighborhood kids attend (plus our 4 little ones). Our theme was the "Wordless Book," and we had five, fun filled mornings of activities - including Bible Stories, songs, crafts, snacks, and games!



Several of the children asked great questions during the Bible lesson time and we could see the Holy Spirit working in their hearts. Christian and Abbie also learned a lot about how to share Jesus Christ with their friends. The final day we had a Family Pizza Party, and we were able to connect with 3 dads and 2 moms. Please be praying for us we continue to build relationships with our neighbors and hopefully gain the opportunity to share Jesus Christ with them!



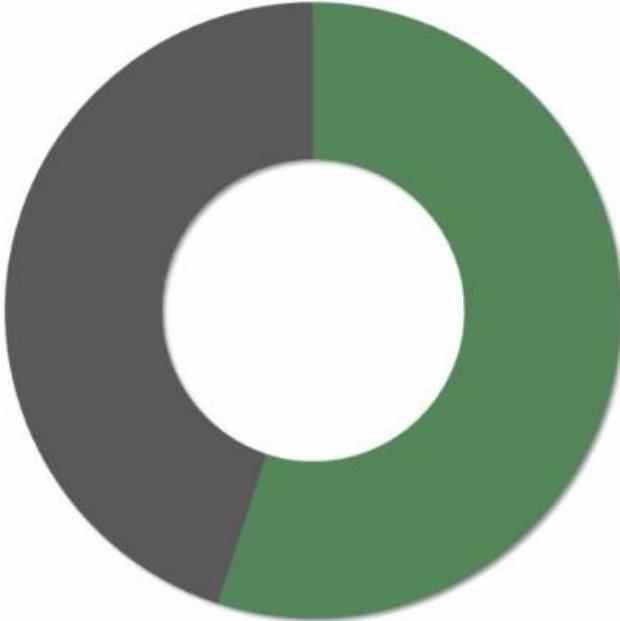
Below is a link to our blog which has complete, FREE instructions on how you can host a "Wordless Book" themed Backyard Bible Club (BBC) in your neighborhood, and at the bottom of the overview blog post are links to each of our BBC days described in detail with pictures!

Financial Update

Click the link above the chart on the left to see a more detailed chart of our monthly ministry partner needs.

Monthly Ministry Partners:
56% Supported

Outfit and Passage: 13% Funded



Praise God this month we gained 2 new monthly financial partners! Please pray for us this month as our support raising goes into "high gear" again, and Greg will be perusing 2 individual appointments per week, following up with individuals, and contacting churches.

Interested in becoming a financial partner or making a one-time donation?

1% of our monthly support - \$90/month

1% of our Outfit & Passage - \$600 one-time gift

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Praises and 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 God we had a great time being trained at EMC & STAMP, and that Greg was able to train others teaching Wisdom Literature in Bangkok.
- 2) Praise God Isaac's is recovering well from Hand-Foot-and-Mouth Disease. Please pray for him to recover fully and for his VCUG procedure this Thursday, August 4 to go smoothly.
- 3) Praise God our Backyard Bible Club went well! Please pray for us to have the opportunities to continue to build into our neighbors' lives and have the opportunity to share the gospel with them.
- 4) Praise God this month we gained 2 new monthly financial partners! Please pray for God to continue to work in the hearts of churches and individuals to partner with our ministry in prayer and financially.

Thank you so much for all of your love and support!

Greg + Rachel

