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Timeline to Thailand

Many people have been asking recently what our plan is to get to the field - here's a quick snapshot of what our "Plan A" of the time to leave our home looks like!



GRAND RAPIDS, MI
Fall/Winter 2016-2017

Right now we're based in Grand Rapids while we're raising our support to get to the field. This involves partnering with both churches and individuals.

HARRISBURG, PA
April/May 2017

Our sending organization (ABWE) requires that we attend a Field Preparation seminar (offered twice annually in the spring and fall) before leaving for Thailand. In order to attend the spring seminar (April 25–May 4) we must be 85% funded by April 10.



BANGKOK, THAILAND
Summer 2017

Once we reach 100% of our needed monthly support, we'll wrap up a few things here in the States and move to Bangkok!

"The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps." Proverbs 16:9



In a real sense, our timeline is in your hands!

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

1

Pledge financial support. Even if you are unable to give right now, if you pledge to support us once we're on the field, it helps increase our total percentage of monthly support!

2

Start giving monthly now. This also increases our support percentage. Funds that are given now help pay for our travel and other expenses while we are still here in the US.

3

Increase your giving. Already giving? We're so thankful for your generosity! If you are able, increasing your current giving helps us get to the field faster and keep us there!

Support Raising Trip



At the beginning of the month we were away from home 12 days taking our longest support raising trip ever! We left Grand Rapids on September 29 and made it back safe on October 10. Along the way we made stops in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C. both to present to churches and individuals and to connect with some of our current supporters! We were warmly welcomed by Syosset Gospel Church on our first Sunday of the trip, and had a great time getting to know them. We also got to reconnect at Long Island Abundant Life Church, where Greg served as the Youth/English Pastor, on our second weekend. It was a wonderful and busy trip, and it was great to make so many connections!

Death of the King of Thailand



We are often reminded about leaving our *earthly* homes when someone we know has passed away. That has certainly been the case for the nation of Thailand this month. On October 13, the king of Thailand died. He had been in poor health for quite a while, but it still came as a shock to the nation. For those in the U.S., it's really hard to grasp the love that the Thai people had for King Bhumibol. At the time of his death, he was one of the longest-reigning monarchs in the world, having reigned for 70 years! Western-educated and respected around the world, he worked tirelessly for the Thai people and the development of Thailand.

King Bhumibol has been an anchor for Thailand throughout many coups and a lot of political unrest, making these uncertain times for Thailand. The Thai people are in mourning (there are many pictures like the one to the right above that illustrate this), and this is a time of great uncertainty. Please pray for Thailand during these turbulent times!

The death of King Bhumibol reminds us that none of us know when it will be time for us to leave our earthly homes, but we must all be ready.



Financial Update

We currently have 67% of our needed monthly funds!

Only 33% to go!



We have one more required training seminar to attend before leaving for the field, and we must be at 85% of our needed monthly support by April 10.

This means that we need to raise \$1,625 more per month before April 10 to qualify for Field Prep seminar. You can help!

MONTHLY PARTNERS WE NEED TO MAKE 85%



As of 11/1/16

Praise the Lord this month we were blessed with 6 new individual financial partners! We are so blessed to have individuals partnering with us at all different levels! Our sending church has also just passed this year's budget, which includes a pledge to increase our support from our church family once we're on the field! These generous gifts and pledges mean that we're now at 67% of our needed monthly support!

Our next major goal is to reach 85% of our needed monthly support by April 10 in order to qualify for our final required training seminar. Would you consider partnering with us in this goal?

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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) Please pray for us to meet our financial goal of reaching 85% of our needed monthly support by April 10, 2017. This will put us on track to have a likely leave date for Thailand in the summer of 2017!
- 2) Praise God for a wonderful fundraising trip out East! We had a great time connecting with current and possible monthly ministry partners, and our trip was very fruitful!
- 3) Please pray for Thailand in this time of uncertainty and transition following the death of the king.
- 4) Praise God for blessing us with 6 new individual financial partners this month and a pledged increase from our sending church! 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!

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