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**Top 10 for 2018**

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<p>We have lived in Thailand 16 months and it truly feels like home now!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">1</p>	<p>We've had the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ with new friends!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;">2</p>	<p>3 Abbie publicly declared her faith through baptism!</p>
<p>4 Our kids enjoyed the new-to-us Thai holidays of Loy Krathong and Songkran!</p>	<p>Isaac's kidney condition has remained stable and he's a happy, active boy!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: yellow;">5</p>	<p>6 Greg has been able to bring supplies and Biblical training to the Mae La refugees!</p>
<p>Greg led a successful Wisdom Literature Conference in the Philippines!</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: red;">8</p>	<p>7 We started leading the youth group at our international church!</p>	
<p>9 Rachel is leading elementary chapel and teaching classes at the kids' homeschool co-op!</p>		<p style="font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; color: white;">10</p>
<p>We have made progress in learning the Thai language!</p>		<p> <b>THE VRUGGINKS</b></p>

## Christmas Ministries



This month we were blessed to be involved in a variety of ministries! We made and delivered Christmas cookies for orphans and for our neighbors. We hosted a Christmas party for some local missionary kids and coordinated a youth group Christmas party. Rachel was able to share the gospel with a non-believing friend's father who came to visit.

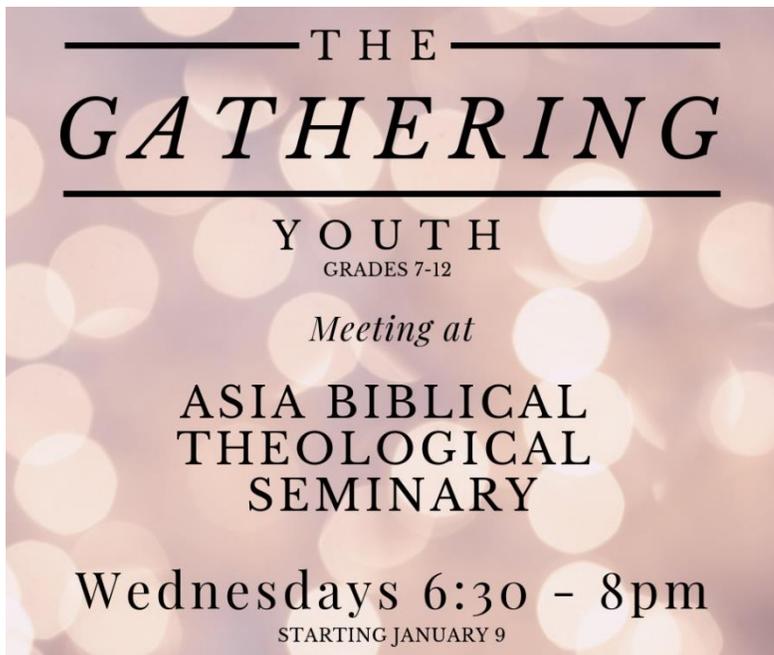
Finally, we were able to shower a sweet mama with clothes and toys for her and her two daughters (pictured above). Her youngest daughter is severely disabled due to contracting Japanese Encephalitis as a baby. They live in the mountains in extreme poverty and are viewed as outcasts in their village because it's believed they must have bad karma if the spirits have cursed them with a disability in their family. Some amazing missionary friends of ours helped get the mom and her little girl into a physical therapy program and we were honored to help in a small way by blessing them with clothes and toys which will not only bring the girls joy but will also help the youngest girl meet some physical therapy needs. **As the mom wept and expressed that she was overwhelmed with our love, Greg explained that we were able to show her such love because Jesus has so richly blessed us with His love and grace.** Thank you so much to all of you precious friends who bless us through your prayers and financial giving so we are able to be a blessing to others! We are so grateful for the many ways we were able to show the love of Christ this Christmas season!

## Three Generations of Mentoring

This month we were blessed to have one of our former NY youth group students, Gary Rosenblatt, visit us for a week! Jim Blumenstock mentored Greg when he was a high school student and had just become a Christian. As a result Greg decided to go to seminary and devote his life to ministry and missions. As a youth pastor Greg mentored Gary as a high school student and as a result Gary became a follower of Christ, and is now in seminary/ministry and planning to devote his life to missions. **Three generations of mentoring is a beautiful gift of grace!**



## Youth Group Kick-off



This month our family is planning lots of ministry opportunities surrounding the Christmas season! We will be making loads of cookies to give to our neighbors and a local children's home. We have two Christmas parties planned for our youth group and children in our international community. We plan to give *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* to a family who enjoys reading magical English books but doesn't yet know Christ. We will be making a hospital call to a needy Thai family that has a child with a disability to bless them with clothes, toys, and treats. Please pray for our family to be bright lights during this special time of year, and for our home to resonate with joy and peace amidst the many activities.

## Health Insurance Increase

This month all missionaries with ABWE have a health insurance increase of 20%. For us this means we need an additional \$110 a month to be fully supported. Please pray for God to meet our family's financial need by either calling some of our current partners to raise the amount they give each month or calling new partners to join us. If God calls you to be part of meeting this need, either click the button bellow to join our support team for the first time or email



[donorhelp@abwe.org](mailto:donorhelp@abwe.org) if you are a current partner and wish to increase your monthly giving amount.

# 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 for the many ways He has graciously blessed our ministry in 2018! Please pray for God to continue to use our family as we serve in Thailand.
- 2) Please pray for Greg as he prepares to teach Old Testament Biblical theology class beginning in January.
- 3) Please pray for us as we kick-off Wednesday night youth group this month! Please ask God to bring the teens He wants us to mentor into our gathering.
- 4) Please pray for God to meet our financial needs as a result of our \$110 monthly support shortage due to an increase in health insurance costs.

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

*Greg + Rachel*

