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Baan Sweet Baan

Baan means "home" in Thai and we're so thrilled to be back in our home in the Asian world! Our plane landed Wednesday night with all 12 pieces of our luggage and no one got sick on the flights - praise the Lord!

Over the past few days we've been able to accomplish quite a bit:

1. Our family got over jet lag, unpacked, and re-stocked our home with food.
2. We came home to our kitchen covered in water due to a leaky sink and had it repaired.
3. Greg got his tooth fixed which chipped while in America.
4. Rachel purchased the kids' needed school supplies and finished preparations for the 2019-2020 school year.
5. We resumed our youth group ministry (more details below).



Over the next few weeks we have quite a bit to get done:

1. We will attend the ABWE Asia regional conference over the next two days.
2. Rachel and the kids will jump into their home school year and start participating in the home school co-op.
3. Greg will resume full-time ministry at ABTS and continue working on his PhD studies.
4. Greg will prepare and lead a two-day conference for the Christian counselors in Chiang Mai.
5. Our family will resume taking Thai lessons three times a week.

Please pray for our family this month as we readjust to our lives, learning, and ministry in Thailand!

Youth Group



Sunday morning we kicked-off the 2019-2020 school year with our international church's youth group! We had 36 teens and loved every moment of games, worship, lesson, small group, and prayer time. This month we have a special Pizza & Game Night scheduled for Friday, September 27, so please pray for good attendance so we can get to know many of the youth better. Also, there's another couple considering helping us with the youth group. It would be a huge blessing to have another mature Christian couple working with our teens, so please pray for God's will to be done as they pray about joining us in ministry.

ABTS in India

As we jump back into life and ministry in Thailand, we wanted to share this beautiful short story about how God is using our seminary in the life of one of our Indian students. God is doing amazing things through the ministry of Asia Biblical Theological Seminary!

ABTS student, Sarah, has been the Children's Ministry Coordinator at her church in India since 2012. She shared recently:



I was struggling in my ministry because there are so few children's ministry resources in Hindi. Everything changed for me though in 2014 when I started taking classes at ABTS!

I thoroughly enjoyed the seminary's refreshing approach to teaching. Instead of rote learning, students were encouraged to discuss topics. Our professors challenged us to check our lessons for theological accuracy, spurring us to apply what we learned to our contexts.

My time at ABTS helped me feel more equipped to develop children's content in Hindi. Since then, I have put together a Christmas and advent curriculum, Bible reading plans, scripts for short plays, biographies, a CD of Christian songs, and gospel tracts in the language.

Besides giving me a solid foundation for my personal faith and ministry, ABTS instilled in me a responsibility to communicate truth to children who need it most – those in unreached, illiterate, and less privileged communities.

God is doing amazing things not only in the life and ministry of Sarah but also in ABTS students all over Asia. Thank you for supporting us so we can be part of helping us train leaders in Asia so they can thrive in spreading the gospel.

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 returned to Thailand safely! Please pray for our entire family this month as we readjust to our lives, learning, and ministry in Thailand.
- 2) Praise God for a great youth group kick-off! Please pray for us to get to know the youth well this year so we can pour into their lives. Also, please pray for God to guide the couple considering helping us with the youth group.
- 3) Praise God for doing amazing things in the lives of our ABTS students! Please pray for the seminary to continue to thrive and for God's kingdom to be expanded in Asia.

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

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