

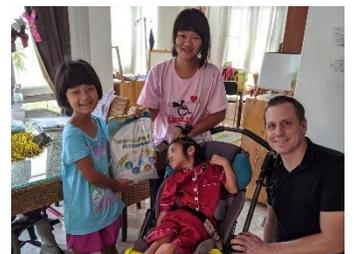


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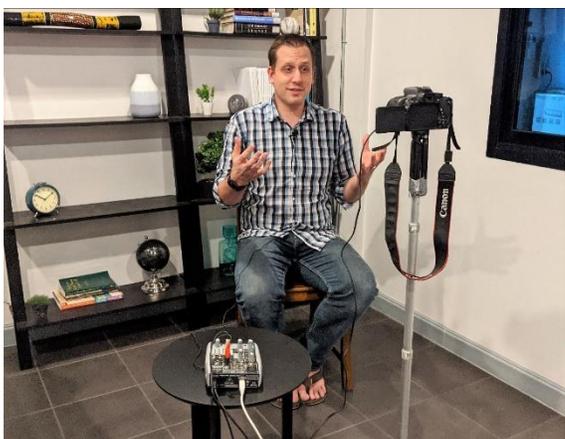
## Bags of Life



The coronavirus has hit many people hard, but those who survive on a day to day income have been hurt the most. The past few months many Thais have not been able to do their regular jobs of being a street vendor or opening up their small stalls at the market due to safety restrictions. This month through the gifts of many of you we were able to bless many people with food. We received more gifts than we expected, so our home became a makeshift food pantry this month with requests pouring in, lots of trips to the grocery store, and bags of food ready to be delivered to those in need.

The Thai people call the bags "ถุงยังชีพ" (tung yeng cheep, survival bag) which literally means "bag of life." As these bags are handed out what a special privilege it is to tell people there is One who loves them and offers them life for eternity. They are truly bags offering life!

Among many people we were able to help, we gave food to a mother who spends her day pushing a cart, with her little girl inside, while collecting recyclables. She wept as she repeated, "Kap Kun Ka! Kap Kun Ka!" (Thank you! Thank you!) over and over again. (Final two pictures above.) We gave food and feeding tube supplements to a single mother with a severely handicapped daughter who must stay at home to care for her needs. (Pictured above with Greg.) We gave food, milk, vegetables, and supplements to a home of special needs foster children. We have food to those living in squalor without electricity or plumbing. These were just a few of the many families who were in desperate need of help that we were able to bless this month. Thank you deeply to everyone who gave sacrificially to help meet these sweet souls' needs! Please pray for those who heard the gospel through these outreaches to be touched by the love of God through His people and to give their lives to Jesus Christ.



## ABTS

Due to travel restrictions and lockdowns, ABTS has canceled all April and May residential classes, so this month Greg finished recording his lectures and made preparations for his online Old Testament class which begins on May 15. His students are from a wide variety of countries and backgrounds. Please pray for Greg and his students as they dive into the Old Testament this month!

## Youth Group Via Zoom

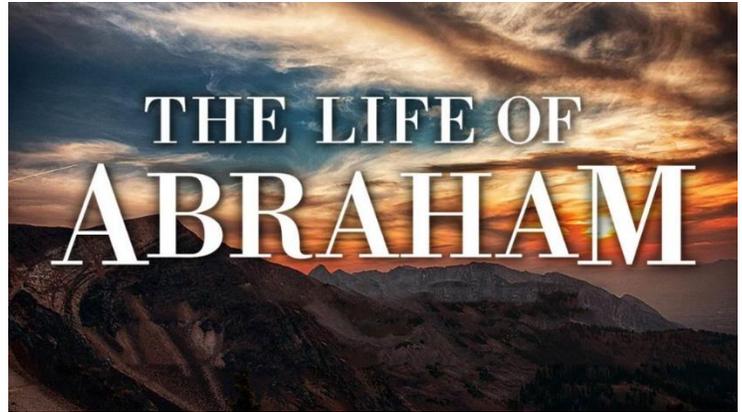
This month we met with our youth group teens each week via Zoom and will continue to do so throughout the month as we will most likely not be permitted to gather in groups of 50 or more for another 4-6 weeks. On Monday nights on Zoom we have a small group discussion about the online sermon and spend some time in prayer for one another and the world. Please pray that it will be safe enough for us to begin meeting as a church in-person again soon and that we'll find creative ways to connect with our teens in the meantime.



Also, over the summer months Rachel will be leading a youth girls' 9-week Bible study and this month she will be busy preparing for the study as well as encouraging the girls to join. The girls will be studying *A Beautiful Story* by Erin Davis which explores the lives of 10 Old Testament women. Please be praying for the girls God has for Rachel to teach to sign up to join the Bible study this month!

## Preaching Preparation

Our pastor will be out of town over the month of June, so he has asked Greg to preach the entire month. Greg will be doing a sermon series on the life of Abraham. Please pray for Greg this month as he prepares for this special time of sharing with our church family here in Chiang Mai, Thailand.



## 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 were able to bless some poor families with food this month! Please pray for those who heard the gospel through this outreach to give their lives to Jesus Christ.
- 2) Praise God for technology that allows Greg to teach Old Testament class online this month. Please pray for him and his students as they study the Old Testament together this month.
- 3) Praise God for the blessing of Zoom that enables us to continue meeting with our youth group teens! Please pray for many girls to sign up to attend the girls' Bible study over the summer months. Also, please pray for Greg as he prepares to preach on the life of Abraham in June.

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

*Greg + Rachel*

