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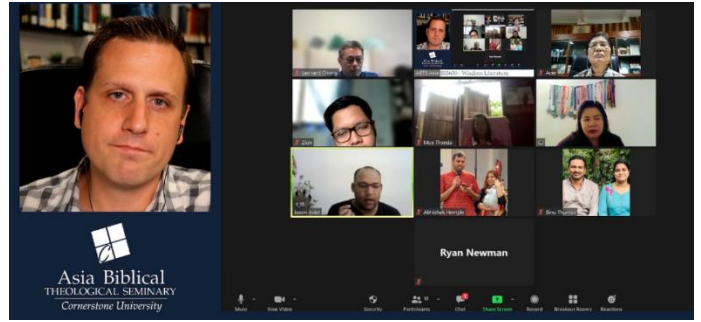
## Covid Resurgence

In Thailand this month we've had another resurgence of Covid. There are still not vaccines easily available for Americans here, and unfortunately the vaccines that have been given over the past few months are not proving to be very effective, particularly against the new variant that is spreading so rapidly in Thailand. The Thai school year began recently, but already schools are closed again, church is online, and we can't gather in groups larger than 20 people.

Please pray for our family as we endure another time of lockdowns and especially for Greg as he is in charge of making sure our church's service is able to happen online. It takes hours of his time each week recording the worship, recording the sermon, and then putting it all together with song lyrics and power point slides. Please pray for him to have stamina and good time management.



# Teaching Wisdom Literature



Greg's Wisdom Literature class went great! The class was a little unusual in that he had one in-person student and 9 online students. His online students were from a variety of places: Thailand, the Philippines, India, Singapore, and Vietnam. It was a learning experience for him as he had to both run the livestream of the class and give attention to his in-person student and online students at the same time, but class went well and there were many good discussions. His students still have a few months of follow-up projects and video lectures. They were a great class and it was a joy to teach them about Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, and Job.

## Painting Outreach



Two mornings this month our youth group teens painted the playground equipment for Hope Home, a foster home for children with special needs. They worked so hard, and we are so grateful for their servant hearts that blessed these sweet kids with a bright and colorful playground.

This month we are resuming youth group, but due to Covid restrictions we can't use our building so youth group we'll be happening in our home. The middle school and high school students will have to meet alternate weeks and sign up to attend to make sure we stay under 20 people for each group. Please be praying for the time we have with the teens to be a blessing despite the restrictions.

## Greg Preaching

This month our international church was able to meet in-person two Sundays before being locked down again due to the resurgence of Covid in Thailand. Greg's July 3 sermon was planned, but the July 11 preaching time Greg was asked the night before to cover for the originally planned preacher! Thankfully Greg's taught the life of Joseph many times for his Old Testament classes, so he was able to quickly turn that material into a sermon to continue his sermon series on the faith of journeys of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and then Joseph.





# Homeschool Beginning



This week the four Vrugink kids begin their home school year! Christian is in 9th grade and tackling Algebra II with Geometry, Chemistry, Computer Coding (his favorite!), and is taking Honors English and World Geography via an online program where he has a weekly online class and submits his homework to his teacher throughout the week. Abbie is in 7th grade and also taking an online English class as well as diving into Pre-Algebra, Physical Science, World Studies, and taking twice a week piano lessons (her favorite!). Isaac is now in 3rd grade and Hannah is in 1st grade, so Rachel's days will be full teaching our littlest two and

keeping all four kids focused and on track. Please pray for Rachel to have patience and wisdom as she leads, and for the kids to be hard workers with teachable spirits.

## 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 Covid to stop spreading in Thailand for the lockdowns to end.
- 2) Praise the Lord Greg's times teaching Wisdom Literature for ABTS and preaching on the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph at our international church went well!
- 3) Praise the Lord the youth group teens were able to paint the playground equipment for a special needs foster home! Please pray for us as we begin to lead youth group from our home.
- 4) Praise the Lord Rachel is able to homeschool Christian (9th), Abbie (7th), Isaac (3rd), and Hannah (1st) this year! Please pray for Rachel to have patience and wisdom as she leads, and for the kids to be hard workers with teachable spirits.

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

*Greg + Rachel*

