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Kidnapped by a Witchdoctor



In September our town of Chiang Mai was in an uproar when a 23-month old baby girl went missing. Eventually it was discovered she was kidnapped by a local witchdoctor and left in a cave as a sacrifice to spirits. Thankfully she was found and rescued in time, but what a heartbreaking situation to see the evil effects of a man enslaved to worshipping demons.

A few days later in a Chiang Mai women's Facebook group an invitation went out for a "Witchcraft Workshop" (flyer pictured above). Women are being encouraged to call upon magical powers to fulfill their true destinies.

The home next to ours is a Sak Yant (sacred design) tattoo parlor where they tattoo people with Buddhist prayers, mythical creatures, or deities in hopes of gaining spirits' protection.

In Thailand witchcraft isn't a fun show or a cute Halloween decoration, it's real and the effects can be devastating, like they were for the little girl who was kidnapped this week. Over the next month when you see the popular witch Halloween decorations will you remember to pray for us here in Thailand? Pray for our family to be spiritually protected as we live right next door to the home of people dabbling in demonic practices and live in a city where calling on spirits is common and encouraged.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."
Ephesians 6:12

Vaccines & Visas

We got our 1st and 2nd Pfizer vaccine shots this month! We're so thankful to be vaccinated particularly because this allowed Greg to easily apply for his work permit this month so we can remain in Thailand and be able to travel easily in the months to come.



ABTS Recording Studio



One of Greg's biggest tasks at ABTS this month has been putting together a small recording studio for ABTS. The seminary recently received a large donation set aside for this purpose. With so our classes mostly online due to Covid travel restrictions, ABTS has been searching for ways to increase the quality of our online course videos and this donation has made it possible to purchase what we need for our small video studio. It's not finished yet, but the studio has already been put to good use and we have seen a huge difference in the quality of our content. We praise God for the generous donor that made it possible!

Christian's Baptism

Last Sunday, September 26 Christian chose to get baptized! Since our church can't meet in our normal location due to Covid restrictions, the believers who have been gathering in our home to worship with us each Sunday went over to our neighbor's pool for the baptism. We are so thrilled to see Christian truly making our family's faith his own. You can read his testimony by clicking the below link. We were also encouraged that 4 other youth group teens chose to get baptized as well!



[Click Here to Read Christian's Testimony](#)

To help make this day especially memorable for Christian, Rachel is making him a memory book and we would like to include messages from some friends and family in his life. Would you please consider writing a short note to Christian? The message should just express excitement over Christian taking this step and how you've seen him grow over the years. It doesn't need to be long – just like 5-10 sentences is totally fine. Little friends can also make pictures or hand write notes and you can email Rachel a picture/scan so she can include it in the book. If you would like to participate in writing a message for Christian's book, please email Rachel your special note this week.



House Church & Youth Group



Each Sunday this month our living room was full with almost 50 people for house church. Families from Germany, Britain, India, Canada, China, and America all came together for Sunday mornings of worship and learning from God's Word. We were also blessed to celebrate communion and baptism together. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God." Acts 2:42, 46-47

This month we also hosted youth group in our home every Saturday night because we can't meet in our regular location due to Covid regulations. We had two high school nights and two middle school nights. We also had a guys overnighter and Greg taught the guys from the life of David about being young men after God's own heart. Please pray for Rachel as she leads a high school girls' sleepover on October 1-2 and a middle school girls' sleepover on October 8-9. Rachel will be teaching the girls about finding their identity in Christ.

Monday Messy Art

Due to Covid restrictions our normal 120 person Homeschool Co-op can't meet, so we've been having 4 other families over to our home on Mondays to do a little Learning Pod. Rachel is teaching Messy Art to 9 little ones, and other parents are teaching Drama, 3D Pens, and Evangelism. This month Rachel's little students have created paper





mache animals, enjoyed finger paint, and made fingerprint pictures. We're so blessed to be able to gather together with friends for collaborative learning on Mondays.

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 the little girl kidnapped by a local witchdoctor was found and returned safely to her family! Please pray for our family to be spiritually protected as we live right next door to the home of people dabbling in demonic practices and live in a city where calling on spirits is common and encouraged.
- 2) Praise God we were able to get our Pfizer vaccine shots this month so we can remain in Thailand travel easily in the months to come!
- 3) Praise God for the generous donation that has allowed us to create an ABTS recording studio. Keep Greg in prayer as work continues to be done on the studio this month.
- 4) Praise God for Christian and 4 of our youth group teen's choice to follow the Lord in believers' baptism!
- 5) Praise God that we've been able to host house church and youth group in our home! Please pray for Rachel as she leads a high school girls' sleepover on October 1-2 and a middle school girls' sleepover on October 8-9. Rachel will be teaching the girls about finding their identity in Christ.
- 6) Praise God that we've been able to host a Monday Learning Pod for some homeschooling families in our community!

Greg + Rachel

