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Safe Arrival



Praise the Lord our family arrived safely in America with all our luggage! We've been really enjoying reconnecting with family and friends. The kids were thrilled that one day after arriving there was a snow shower and they were able to see snow! (A bit of a contrast to the high of 113 F in Thailand this month.) We're all getting used to "strange" things like fireplaces, dishwashers, wearing socks, drinking fountains, hot water, and an overwhelming amount of cereal choices. Thank you for continuing to pray for our kids' hearts that they will enjoy the next few months in America even though they're greatly missing home in Thailand.

Upcoming Visits

May 6

PhD Graduation
Columbia, SC

May 19

Dayton Chinese
Christian Church
Dayton, OH

May 20

Thailand Experience
Cedarville, OH

May 21

Agape Chinese
Church
Dayton, OH

May 28

Grace Community
Church
Hudsonville, MI

High School Youth Retreat



In early April we had a fantastic High School Youth Retreat! We had 50 teenagers whose passport countries were China, Myanmar, Thailand, South Africa, New Zealand, Britain, and the USA.

It was a really fun international group! Greg spoke on Gideon, Rachel taught on Hannah, and other youth leaders shared about Abram and Matthew. We had hours and hours of discussions and mentoring, incredible times of worship, fun games, and too little sleep! Both nights girls came to talk with Rachel one-on-one at 10:00 PM and those conversations didn't end until midnight. Please be praying for the decisions these teens made to "Rise Up!" to stick with them in the coming years!

Ohio Thailand Experience

May 19 - 21 we'll be in Ohio! We'll be connecting with the Dayton Chinese Church missions committee on Friday, May 19. We'll be doing a ministry presentation on Saturday, May 20 (flyer to the right) and all our wonderful Ohio friends are invited to attend (please email Rachel if you plan to join us). Then on Sunday, May 21 we'll be sharing with our friends at Agape Chinese Church. Please pray for safety while traveling and sweet times of connection!



Upcoming Visits

June 10-18
Indiana Visits

June 11
Aboite Baptist Church
Fort Wayne, IN

June 18
Indianapolis Chinese Church
Carmel, IN

June 25
York Baptist Church
Milan, MI

July 16-20
Missionary Enrichment Conference
Baltimore, MD

July 22
Thailand Experience
Syosset, NY

July 23
Long Island Abundant Life Church
Hicksville, NY

August 9
Flying to Thailand



Michigan Thailand Experience

On Sunday, May 28 we'll be doing our Michigan ministry presentation at our wonderful sending church, Grace Community Church in Hudsonville, Michigan (details in above flyer). All our Michigan friends are invited to join us to learn more about the culture of Thailand and our ministry in Southeast Asia!

Financial Needs

God is so good! On April 1 we mentioned in our monthly ministry newsletter that we need to raise an additional \$1,000/month in support and already two churches and four families have increased their giving so we just have \$575/month and we'll be fully funded again.

If you are a current supporter and would like to increase your monthly giving amount, please email donorhelp@abwe.org. If you would like to become a new financial partner, [please click here](#).



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 the Lord we arrived safely in Michigan and are having precious times reconnecting with family and friends. Please pray for our kids as they're missing home in Thailand.
- 2) Praise the Lord for a wonderful High School Youth Retreat! Please pray for the teens who made decisions to stick with them in the coming years.
- 3) Praise the Lord for the opportunity to share about ministry with friends in Ohio and Michigan in May! Please pray for safety while traveling and for us to all encourage one another.
- 4) Praise the Lord we received \$425/month in financial support this month! Please pray for God to raise up individuals and churches to partner with us for the remaining \$575 we need in monthly financial support.

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

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