



# The VRUGGINKS

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## Indiana Visit



In June we spent a week with friends and family in Indiana! We had a joyful time with our wonderful partners at Aboite Baptist Church and the Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis. These churches have both supported us since the very beginning of our time as missionaries. They are sweet, encouraging, and the believers show

such a genuine interest in our life and ministry. It was a joy and a blessing to be with them!



## Upcoming Visits

### July 12-15

Tennessee & South Carolina Visits

### July 16-20

Missionary Enrichment Conference

*Baltimore, MD*

### July 20-21

New Jersey Visits

### July 22

Thailand Experience  
*Syosset, NY*

### July 23

Long Island  
Abundant Life Church  
*Hicksville, NY*

We also spent time in Indiana with friends and family. We were able to connect with Rachel's dad, brother, and cousins. We spent lots of time at parks connecting with wonderful friends from Rachel's high school days and the kids were able to see the places where mom grew up. It was a truly joyful week!



## Upcoming Visits

**July 23-24**

New York Visits

**August 9**

Flying to Thailand

## ABTS Student Quotes



*"I have grown significantly both in my personal spiritual journey and ministry. I have been equipped thoroughly both in character and skills under ABTS. Now, my church is also growing. Some factors to that growth are the direct results of the learning in ABTS. I have not found any better program than ABTS for those who are in full-time ministry, because it is a good deal to get quality theological education without having to sacrifice your ministry."*

**Thant Zin Oo**  
Pastor

*"ABTS is set up in a way that works for working people and those who are in the ministry. The cost of the education is not only very reasonable but also affordable for those rural Christian workers who are in South East Asia. Also, some of the professors live in Asia and are knowledgeable about the Asian context."*

**Jared James Hla**  
(Pastor at a Thai-speaking church)



*"I appreciate the contextualization in our application of each course project. This helped me really evaluate myself and my service to the Lord, people and the place (culture) I am in."*

**Jemima Dagus Pesidas**  
(Evangelism and Discipleship Ministry with the minorities)

We love the testimonies of these students about how the ministry of Asia Biblical Theological Seminary is impacting their lives and ministries! It's such a joy to see these Asian leaders be able to stay in their ministry contexts and receive affordable classes from professors who understand life in Asia.

On July 24 Greg's online Old Testament Biblical Theology course will begin! Greg's been working to improve some elements of his class and get everything setup to run smoothly for his students. Please be praying for Greg's OT class to be a blessing to his students.

## Ladies Missionary Tea



Monday, July 10 at 7pm a wonderful friend from Grace Community Church is hosting a Ladies Missionary Tea in her beautiful backyard in Zeeland, Michigan. All women are invited to bring a lawn chair, enjoy refreshments, and gather to hear Rachel share about our family's ministry in Thailand and spend some time in prayer. If you can join us please RSVP by clicking [here](#).

## East Coast Trip

July 12-24 we have our longest trip during our time in the United States. We'll be traveling for almost two weeks and our trip involves spending time in Tennessee, South Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and New York. We'll be connecting with financial partners, attending ABWE's Missionary Enrichment Conference, and sharing at Long Island Abundant Life Church where Greg served as the Youth/English Pastor for five years. If you live in Long Island New York and would like to attend our ministry presentation on Saturday, July 22 please [email Rachel](#) so we know who to expect. It's very kid friendly and all are welcome! Please pray for endurance, safe travels, and good times of connection with friends during our east coast trip.

A promotional graphic for a Thailand Experience event. The background is a collage of images: a lush green landscape, a traditional Thai temple with a golden spire, a silhouette of Thailand, and a family of six (two men, two women, and two children) standing together. The text is overlaid on a semi-transparent white box.

**Thailand Experience**

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**Come learn about the unique culture and exciting ministry opportunities of the Vruginks in Thailand!**

**Saturday, July 22, 2023**  
**10:30 - 11:30 AM**

**Shelter Rock Church**  
**178 Cold Spring Road**  
**Syosset, New York**

## Financial Needs

Can you help us reach  
100% support?

### Monthly Partners Needed

1 Partner \$150/month



1 Partner \$100/month



4 Partners \$75/month



5 Partners \$50/month



8 Partners \$25/month



Just \$150  
per month  
needed!

Praise the Lord that this month we had 3 financial partners increase their giving by \$125/month total and we gained 2 brand new financial partners totaling \$75/month, so we just need \$150/month of committed support and we'll be fully funded again. God has provided so generously for our family this summer!

If you are a current supporter and would like to increase your monthly giving amount, please email [donorhelp@abwe.org](mailto:donorhelp@abwe.org). If you would like to become a new financial partner, please [click here](#) for more information. We would be so blessed to have you partner with us in spreading the gospel in Asia!

## 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 for safe travels this month as we connected with churches and supporters! Please pray for us to have safety while traveling to the east coast and for special times of connection with our partners this month.

2) Praise the Lord for the impact ABTS is having in the lives of Asian students! Please be praying for Greg's Old Testament Biblical Theology online class that begins this July 24.

3) Praise the Lord we received \$300/month in new, monthly financial support in June! Please pray for God to raise up individuals and churches to partner with us for the remaining \$150 we need in monthly financial support.



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

Greg + Rachel