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ABTS Record Enrollment

This upcoming semester Asia Biblical Theological Seminary (ABTS) has hit record enrollment numbers! Our introductory course has 40 new students this quarter! These numbers are significant because they represent many ministry workers who are going to gain a strong theological education and this is going to get passed along to their churches. It's exciting for us to see God strengthening the church in Asia!

Bug Eating Bridges

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Youth

This month our family made a trip to a local market to eat crickets and silk worms! It was a fun, cultural experience and we shared some pictures on Facebook. A few days later one of Rachel's Thai friends came up to her and shared how she saw the bug eating pictures and was touched that our family did so many things to fully engage in Thai culture. She explained that shew new many foreigners who held Thai culture aloof and clearly thought everything from their home culture was better, but that it touched her deeply how we show our love for the Thai people by embracing their culture - even eating bugs! Who knew that eating bugs could be a bridge for showing people the love of Jesus? Please pray for Bo to continue to see our love for her and even more importantly Jesus's love for her!

Middle School Youth Retreat

This month we led our annual Middle School Youth Retreat for the international 6th-8th grade students in Chiang Mai, Thailand! The passport countries of the 52 youth who attended were USA, Myanmar, China, Sweden, Germany, Australia, and India. We talked about "Rising Up!" and looked at the stories of Hannah, Abraham, Gideon, and Matthew, and some great decisions were made by these youth. Please continue to pray for them to "Rise Up!" in their communities.

Family Conference

This month we spoke at a Thai Family Conference! We shared our testimonies and some of the difficult journeys God has brought us through personally and as a family. Many of the families we shared with have a lot of challenges in their lives and it was a privilege to be able to share the comfort of knowing that even in trials God is always with us.

Family Visiting

We were so thrilled that his past month our wonderful nephew and niece came to visit us! They volunteered at a variety of ministry locations in Chiang Mai to experience the many different ministry opportunities in Thailand. Please pray for Elliott and Carissa as they're both now considering returning to Thailand for a more extended time of ministry. Please pray for them to have wisdom and for God to open doors for them to return if that is His plan for them.

Praises & 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 ABTS has record enrollment numbers! Please pray for our students to gain a strong theological education and pass this on to their churches!

2) Praise the Lord that even eating bugs can be a bridge for building relationships! Please pray for Rachels' friend, Bo, to come to know the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

3) Praise the Lord Rachel was able to share her testimony with the ladies at a rescue center and that Greg was able to lead the youth in teaching English lessons for children and doing grounds work at the rescue center. Please pray for these women and children to come to understand God's deep love for them and for them to place their faith in Him.

4) Praise the Lord our youth group has grown to 85-95 teens on a regular basis! Please pray for us as we talk about "Hard Questions" this school year, including

discernment and LGBTQ+ issues in October.

5) Praise the Lord we were able to have our annual Middle School Youth Retreat! Please pray for the middle school students' to cling to the truths they learned and for the decisions they made to truly impact their lives.

6) Praise the Lord for the opportunity we had to speak at the Thai Family Conference! Please pray for these families to grow in their love for one another and to be encouraged that God is with them through every trial they face.

7) Praise the Lord our nephew and niece were able to spend a month with us in Thailand! Please pray for God to open doors for them to return in that is His will for them.

Thank you so much for your love and prayers for our family!

Greg + Rachel