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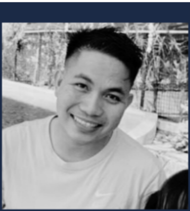
ABTS Ministry



> *"I would highly recommend the ABTS program since it can help us grow individually and will also help the church or the organization we are ministering to. I appreciate the theological training of ABTS which is biblical and very relevant to the ministry context each student is in."*
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> **Brenard Louie A. Dizon**

> *"I have already recommended ABTS to many, because of the well balanced courses and the professors who are believers of God with deep spiritual experience. When many seminaries are struggling with balanced doctrine, I safely recommend ABTS for its solid base on doctrine."*
> **Victor P. Selvakumar**

Greg has jumped back into ministry with Asia Biblical Theological Seminary! He's continuing to teach his online Old Testament course and many mornings he's been helping setup the technology for professors doing hybrid live and online classes. We're encouraged by the above testimonies we received from some of our seminary students. God is working in the lives of ABTS students!

Women's Rescue Center

Rachel has been asked to share her testimony with some ladies at a women's vocational rescue center. All of these women are either escaping sex trafficking or abusive relationships. We've also been asked to have our youth group teens lead some English activities for the children and build a chicken coop and rehome their chickens (this should be fun to see our teenagers do)! Please be praying for out time with these sweet ladies and children on Saturday, September 16. Pray for Rachel's testimony to impact the lives of the women, for the children to enjoy their farm-themed English activities, and for the chicken coop building process to go well!

Health Updates

18 Months
Cancer
Free

This week Greg had his 18-month cancer check and it was all clear! We're so grateful for Greg remaining cancer free!

Please be praying for our sweet little Hannah. She's been battling a fever and bronchitis for a week. Antibiotics haven't been helping, so Hannah and Rachel will be staying at the hospital a while to get IVs, nebulizer treatments, and stronger antibiotics. Greg and the other three kids are also sick, but taking oral antibiotics at home. Please be praying for the Vrugginks, especially Hannah, to be better soon.

Teen Ministry

Be still and know that I am God.

It's been a joy to jump back into teen ministry! On Friday nights our house is full of teens who will be diving into the book of James this semester. We also hosted a youth group Taco Party! We ate tons of tacos, played lots of fun board/card games, and had lots of great conversations filled with laughter. It was wonderful to get to know each other better as we start the 2023-2024 year!

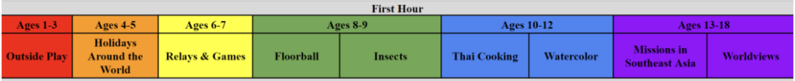
This month when we resumed youth group we had 98 youth in attendance! We were averaging about 60 youth last year, so this is a HUGE increase! The high school group requested that this year in youth group we talk about "hard questions" ranging from LGBTQ+ to racism to abortion. We're excited they want to know what God's Word has to say about these challenging issues in our culture, so pray for us to have wisdom as we dive into these hard topics over the 2023-2024 school year.

Homeschooling

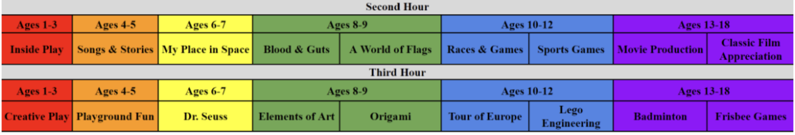
August 23, 2023
First Day of
2023-2024
School Year

We began our 2023-2024 homeschool year this month! We have two in high school with Christian in 11th grade and Abbie in 9th grade, and two in elementary school with Isaac in 5th grade and Hannah in 3rd grade. Please pray for them to be hard workers and grow greatly in their love for Jesus and others this year. Please pray for Rachel to have wisdom and patience as she teaches our kids.

Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op



First Hour									
Ages 1-3	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-7	Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18		
Outside Play	Holidays Around the World	Relays & Games	Floorball	Insects	Thai Cooking	Watercolor	Missions in Southeast Asia	Worldviews	



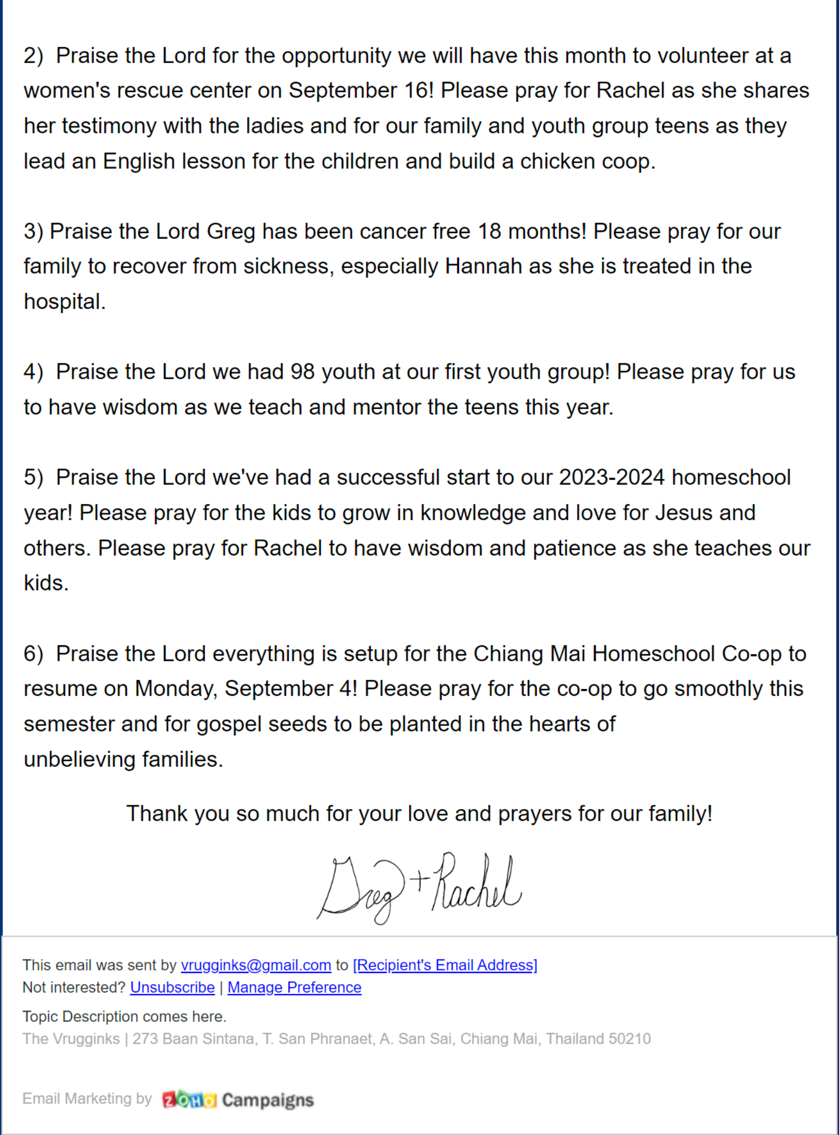
Second Hour									
Ages 1-3	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-7	Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18		
Inside Play	Songs & Stories	My Place in Space	Blood & Guts	A World of Flags	Races & Games	Sports Games	Movie Production	Classic Film Appreciation	
Third Hour									
Ages 1-3	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-7	Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18		
Creative Play	Playground Fun	Dr. Seuss	Elements of Art	Origami	Tour of Europe	Lego Engineering	Badminton	Frisbee Games	

This Monday, September 4 the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op resumes! You can check out the above schedule Rachel coordinated for the 100 students who will be attending the co-op this semester. Please pray for the unbelieving families to see the light and joy of Jesus through our Christian families and for the co-op to run smoothly this semester.

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 Greg's been able to resume working in-person at Asia Biblical Theological Seminary! Please pray for him as he coordinates the seminaries online classes and continues to teach his Old Testament course.



2) Praise the Lord for the opportunity we will have this month to volunteer at a women's rescue center on September 16! Please pray for Rachel as she shares her testimony with the ladies and for our family and youth group teens as they lead an English lesson for the children and build a chicken coop.

3) Praise the Lord Greg has been cancer free 18 months! Please pray for our family to recover from sickness, especially Hannah as she is treated in the hospital.

4) Praise the Lord we had 98 youth at our first youth group! Please pray for us to have wisdom as we teach and mentor the teens this year.

5) Praise the Lord we've had a successful start to our 2023-2024 homeschool year! Please pray for the kids to grow in knowledge and love for Jesus and others. Please pray for Rachel to have wisdom and patience as she teaches our kids.

6) Praise the Lord everything is setup for the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op to resume on Monday, September 4! Please pray for the co-op to go smoothly this semester and for gospel seeds to be planted in the hearts of unbelieving families.

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

Greg + Rachel

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