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Intention to Commitment

We have been so blessed over the past 9 months to have many individuals verbally let us know that they intend to support us, and we're hopeful that those intentions will turn into commitments this month!

Did you know that through ABWE you can sign up to "intend to support" us? This means that you can let ABWE know that you commit to support us once we're in Asia and your monthly giving will begin once we're fully funded. This form of commitment often puts givers at ease because you can help us reach our goal while not worrying, "But what if they never make it to the field? Will my monthly giving have been a waste?"



You can also tell ABWE you want to start giving at a personal predetermined time before we're on the field. So for example if you want your giving to begin starting in September or January you can fill out an "intent to support" form to indicate this as well.

Intent to support in either form counts as committed monthly support on our end, so it gets us closer to our goal of being 100% funded and on the mission field!

If you plan to give in the future - now is the perfect time to commit to doing it! Why? Because our goal is to be 50% funded by June 20 so we can attend ABWE's EMC Training. This required training is only offered once a year, so if we don't make this deadline it will certainly be another full year before we can move to Thailand.

Praise the Lord we already have 47% of our monthly support raised! Our goal is to raise the additional \$258.27 needed in committed support over the next 3 weeks. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us monthly (either pledging to give now or once we're fully funded)?

Click Here to
Partner with Us
Financially

Upcoming Events

Watson Bible Church

Otsego, MI

June 5, 2016

Midwest Chinese Christian Association Summer Retreat

Cedarville, OH

July 1-4, 2016

Bangkok Teaching Trip

Bangkok, Thailand

July 7-18, 2016

EMC Training

ABWE Home Office

New Cumberland, PA

July 25-29, 2016

Highpoint Evangelical Chinese Church

Columbus, OH

August 19, 2016

York Baptist Church

Milan, MI

August 28, 2016

Graduation Day



If you want to learn more about the country of Thailand and the ministry of ABTS, be encouraged as we reflect on ministry life, and praise God with us when we've gained new support, then please click the link below to "Like" our ministry Facebook page.



This month Greg defended his ThM thesis (*לך in Ecclesiastes: Abel as Symbol Referent*) and graduated from Calvin Theological Seminary on Saturday, May 21! Greg now has not only his Master of Divinity degree but also his Master of Theology degree, so he now has the credentials needed to teach Old Testament seminary level classes with Asia Biblical Theological Seminary (ABTS)! "The Lord has done great things for us!" Psalms 126:3

Greg's future plan is to focus on contacting churches/individuals to raise our remaining missionary support, so we can move to Asia as soon as possible. He will also most likely be teaching as an adjunct professor at Cornerstone University's graduate school this fall and will be teaching the Wisdom Literature section of an ABTS Old Testament class in Thailand this July.

Bangkok Teaching Trip



Praise the Lord Greg's Bangkok teaching trip is fully funded and his plane tickets are purchased! The plan is for Greg to teach the Wisdom Literature section of an ABTS Old Testament class in Thailand this July 7-18. Please pray for Greg as he prepares his materials this month!

Moving Day



This week we moved out of Calvin Theological Seminary student housing and into a nearby rental townhouse. We're so grateful for our amazing family and friends who helped us move - even amidst some rain! Our new apartment is a huge answer to prayer and we plan to stay here until we move to Thailand! We were also blessed with a free dryer from a seminary friend and a free washing machine from a church friend. We're so grateful for God's provision for our little family. His gifts are never ceasing!

Please pray for us as we start to develop relationships with our neighbors. Please ask God to help us to form some good relationships so that we will have the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ with our new friends.



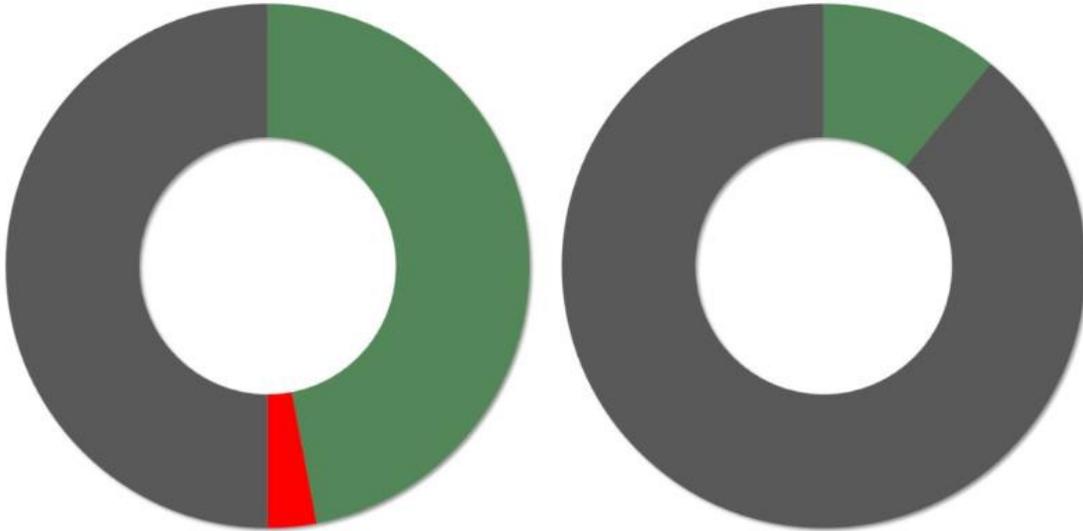
Our new address is:
4250 S. Castle Ridge Dr. SE
Apt. 183
Grand Rapids, MI 49508

Financial Update

Click the link above the chart on the left to see a more detailed chart of our monthly ministry partner needs.

Monthly Ministry Partners:
47% Supported

Outfit and Passage: 11% Funded



This month we gained 8 new monthly financial partners and 1 of our current supporters increased their monthly commitment! We now have 47% of our monthly committed financial support raised and 11% of our one-time Outfit & Passage costs covered!

Our goal is to raise the remaining \$258.27 in monthly committed support and be 50% funded by June 20 so we can attend ABWE's EMC Training. We have complete faith that our amazing Jehovah-Jireh can accomplish this goal through the generosity of His people, and we also fully trust that our plans may not be God's timing so we leave our goal in His hands. "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps." Proverbs 18:9

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 have 47% of our monthly support raised! Please pray that we will raise the additional \$258.27 needed in committed monthly support over the next 3 weeks.
- 2) Praise the Lord Greg graduated with his Master of Theology degree! Please pray for him as he prepares to teach Wisdom Literature in Bangkok this July.
- 3) Praise the Lord that we have been blessed with a beautiful town home to rent during our remaining time living in America. Please pray for us to build good relationships with our neighbors and have the opportunity to share the hope of Jesus Christ with them.

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

Greg + Rachel