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It's great to report new beginnings for the New Year! Though we are still in the process of raising our support to get to the field, Greg has also started doing some distance work for ABTS: helping to get the online ABTS program up and running (using the Moodle platform, pictured above) and administering some distance classes. He currently has a few students in THL 500, ABTS's introduction course to graduate theological education. Administering this course involves communicating with students, grading their work, and providing feedback on their progress. It's amazing to have the opportunity to be involved in the work of ABTS while also finishing up our fundraising!

Final Winter & Holiday Celebrations



We had wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with our families over the past few weeks! We know these will (hopefully!) be our final holiday celebrations in the States with our families, so we cherished this special time together. The kiddos are also enjoying playing in the snow, sledding, and ice skating as playing in a frozen, winter wonderland is something they won't be able to do soon.

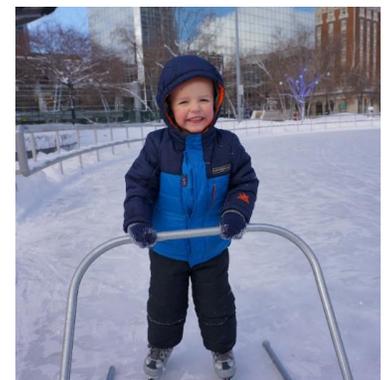
Neighborhood Outreach



This month we gave out dozens of cookies to our neighbors! We had a cookie decorating party with some kiddos in our neighborhood, and made several home visits to deliver boxes of treats. We are grateful for the relationships God is allowing us to develop in our neighborhood. Please continue to pray for us to have opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ with them!

Isaac's Kidney Tests

This past spring we discovered Isaac has severe urine reflux in his right kidney and this kidney is underdeveloped. On Tuesday, January 17 Isaac will undergo an ultrasound and renal scan requiring general anesthesia that will let us know the function of Isaac's kidneys and if surgery will be necessary to protect what function he has left or if the right kidney is considered lost. Please mark your calendars and be praying for Isaac, the medical professionals, and us on January 17.



Financial Update

Praise the Lord for the AMAZING boost to our Outfit and Passage Fund this month! Many responded to last month's newsletter by giving one-time Christmas gifts to our Outfit and Passage. As a result, we received a total of \$7,260 toward our O & P in December! This puts us at 29% of our needed one-time funds to move to Thailand. Thank you so much for your generosity!



Praise the Lord for continued faithful giving by our monthly support partners! We are currently at 70% of our needed monthly support! Our next major goal is to reach 85% of our needed monthly support by April 10 in order to qualify for our final required training seminar. Would you consider partnering with us on an ongoing monthly basis?

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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 God we have 70% of our committed monthly support and a huge boost to our O & P account last month! Please pray for God to continue to work in the hearts of churches and individuals to partner with our ministry in prayer and financially, so we can meet our financial goal of reaching 85% of our needed monthly support by April 10, 2017. This will put us on track to have a likely leave date for Thailand in the summer of 2017!
- 2) Please pray for Greg as he balances his new online roles with ABTS and support raising. Please pray that he will be able to do both well.
- 3) Praise God for opportunities to reach out to our neighbors this month. Please pray for God to give us the privilege to share the gospel with them.
- 4) Please pray for Isaac's kidney tests on January 17 that will determine if surgery is necessary.

Greg + Rachel

