



the VRUGGINKS

TRAINING LEADERS IN ASIA

vrugginks.com

Carjacked



The sound of gunshots tore through our ears and we looked up to see a masked man charging our car with a gun! "Get out of the car!" he screamed pointing the gun at my head, "Now!" Rachel didn't hesitate. She threw open the passenger door, dropped out of the car, and began crawling away from the hijackers as fast she could manage. I turned off the car, dropped the keys to the floor, and assured the masked man that the car was his as I got out of the car with my hands raised. As soon as the hijacker was in the car, I ran to Rachel, scooped her up in my arms, and ran for cover behind a nearby dumpster.

Earlier this week this was our reality as we went through two days of intense security training. We learned about everything from surviving an active shooter event, dealing with military checkpoints, to pick pockets. Although Thailand is relatively safe and we hope we never have to use our training, we are so grateful for the amazing instruction we received over the past two days!

Upcoming Visits

**ABWE Field
Preparation Seminar**
Harrisburg, PA
April 24-May 4, 2017

**Chinese Community
Church of Indianapolis**
Carmel, IN
May 14, 2017

Aboite Baptist Church
Fort Wayne, IN
May 21, 2017

**Dayton Chinese Christian
Church**
Dayton, OH
May 28, 2017

**ABWE Missionary Enrichment
Conference**
Lancaster, PA
July 17-20,

Move to Thailand
August/September 2017

[Click Here to
Partner with Us
Financially](#)

Field Preparation Seminar



We are so excited to be days away from completing our final required missionary training! We are in the home stretch of our pre-field journey! The above picture shows all the missionaries in our field preparation class - we have people going to every continent (well...except Antarctica) represented in this picture! We have been learning about a variety of things from all the clearances we need to receive before purchasing our plane tickets (financial, educational, pastoral, medical, etc.), how to purchase a humanitarian ticket so we get three pieces of luggage per person, how to help our children transition to a new culture, and more. We are a little overwhelmed with all there is to do, but overall we are thrilled to be so close to being ready to move to Thailand and do the ministry God has called our family to do!

Easter Party

Even though we are focused on getting to Thailand, we know every moment God has us in America is for a purpose so we are doing our best to be faithful where God has currently placed us. Last month we had an Easter party for our neighborhood! Dozens of children and their parents heard the gospel, and we had a wonderful time talking with our neighbors while the little ones made cross "stained glass windows" crafts and hunted for Easter eggs.



One little friend asked if he could start coming to church with us each week which blessed our hearts, and we've been enjoying taking him with us for two weeks now. Thank you for praying for this special outreach and praise God we had the privilege to share the hope of Jesus with our neighbors!



Financial Update



We are thrilled to have 87% of our monthly ministry funds and 54% of our one-time costs covered! **We are praying that God will raise up the remaining financial partners we need over the next two months, so we can move in August/September 2017!** Will you consider partnering with us monthly or by giving a one-time gift to get us to Asia?

[Click Here to Partner with Us Financially](#)

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 for our wonderful security training and field preparation class! Please pray for the remaining days of training to go well and for us to remain physically healthy and retain all we are being taught.
- 2) Praise God our neighborhood Easter party went well! Please pray for us to continue to have opportunities to share the gospel with our neighbors, and for individuals to come to know Jesus as their Savior.
- 3) Praise God we are 87% funded! Please pray for the remaining 13% of our funding to come in quickly, so we can move to Thailand in August/September 2017!

Dreg + Rachel

