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Leaving for Thailand!



In exactly one week our family will begin our journey to Thailand! We'll be traveling on Delta airlines from Grand Rapids, Michigan to Atlanta, Georgia to Seoul, Korea to Chiang Mai, Thailand - a 26 hour total trip!

On Tuesday, August 8 we will be entering the Grand Rapids airport with 17 suitcases/action packers, 2 car seats, 2 wheelchairs, 3 guitars, 3 carry on bags, 2 adults, 4 kids, and a partridge in a pear tree! Please pray that none of our luggage, car seats, wheelchairs, or guitars will get damaged or lost during transport. Also, please pray that our little ones especially will handle the traveling well, and will get good sleep on the 15 hour flight from Atlanta to Seoul, Korea. Abbie and Isaac are really nervous about flying (they've never been on an airplane before), so please pray for God to give our children His perfect peace as we travel.

We will be updating our Facebook ministry page with real time updates as much as possible during our journey, so please like our ministry page to see our travel progress.

[Follow this link to "Like" of Facebook Ministry Page](#)

New Contact Information



Praise God that we have temporary housing when we first arrive in Chiang Mai! We will initially be staying in a 2-bedroom apartment right above the ABTS (Asia Biblical Theological Seminary) office. Please pray we'll be able to find a permanent home to rent quickly as this apartment is 4-stories up with no elevator so it's not ideal long term.

Once we are settled into a home, the seminary will remain the very best address to send cards and packages because letters and boxes sent to an office tend to arrive a little more reliably than to a home address. Cards and packages from home always make us feel loved. Below is our new mailing address:

**Asia Biblical Theological Seminary
Greg & Rachel Vrugink
433-435, Moo 3
Tambon San Sai Noi
Amphoe San Sai
Chang Wat Chiang Mai 50210
Thailand**

We can also stay in touch via email. Thankfully Thailand is not a closed country, so you do NOT have to be careful in your communication with us and feel the need to use "code words" as many of you had to do when we lived in China. Also, Christian and Abbie have email addresses now too so feel free to have your kids send them emails - it will be such a blessing for them to keep in touch with their friends from home. Below are each of our email addresses:

**Greg: gregvuggink@gmail.com
Rachel: rachelvuggink@gmail.com
Christian: ctvuggink@gmail.com
Abbie: abbievuggink@gmail.com**

We also have a Skype-In phone number, so you all can call our computer in Thailand for free. We have voicemail setup so you can leave a message if we're not able to answer. We're still just a phone call away, we're just 12 hours ahead of you all. Our new phone number is **616-777-7457**.

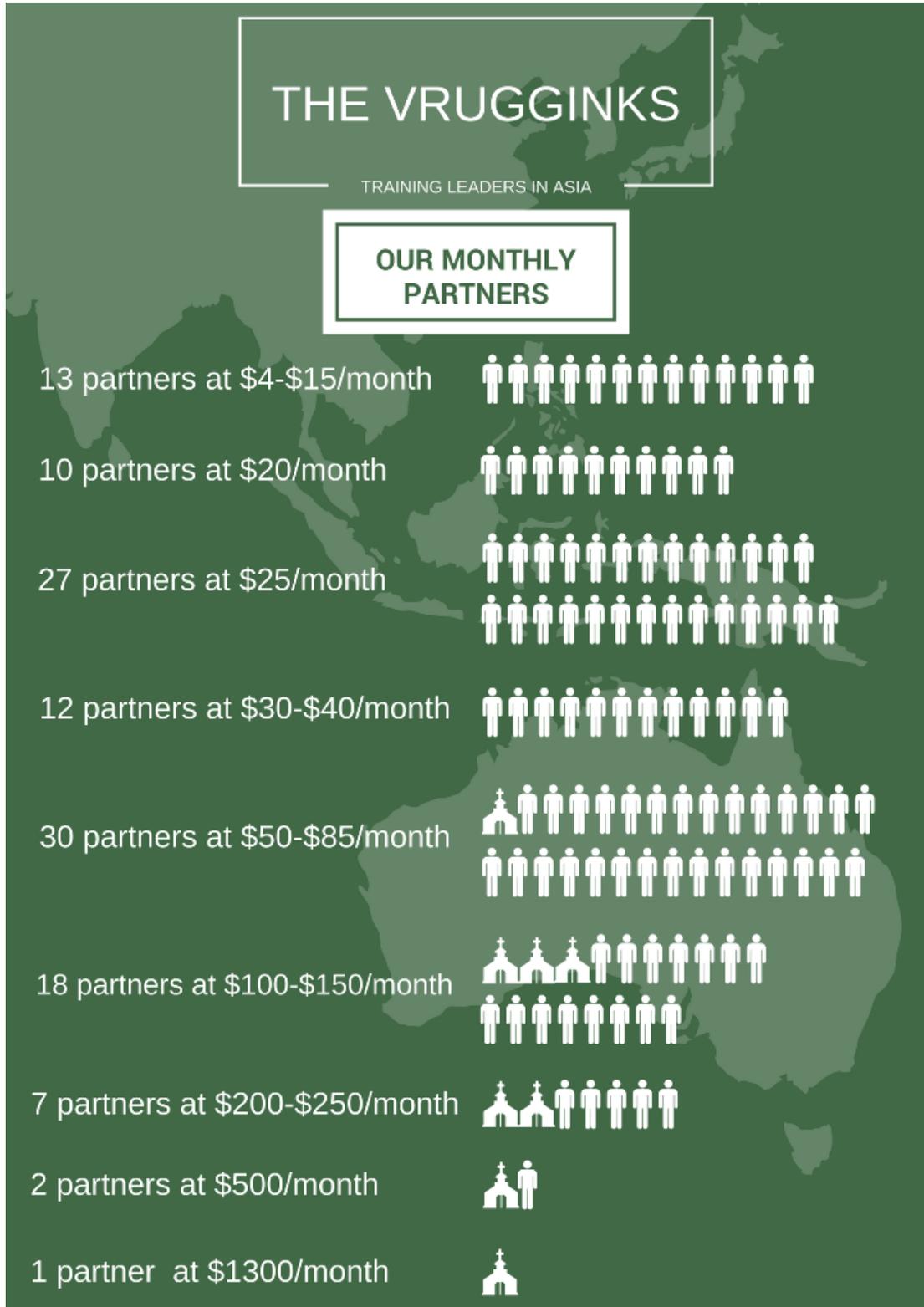
#1 Prayer Request

There are many things to be in prayer about over this month, but our #1 prayer request is that our children will handle our move and transition overseas well. There have been tears this week as they give up bikes, toys, and say goodbye to friends. Please pray that the kids will find joy in experiencing a new culture, foods, and language, and not find it scary, frustrating, and intimidating. Pray that as their parents we will have wisdom to know how to help them, and that we will lead by example by having good attitudes regardless of the hardships and frustrations we face. We love our children so much and want living in Thailand to be a good experience for them.



Fully Funded – Praise God!

Praise God we are moving to Thailand fully funded! We have 112 individuals supporting us and 8 churches. We are so grateful for God's provision for our family's ministry through your generous hearts!



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!

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- 2) Please pray that none of our luggage, car seats, wheelchairs, or guitars will get damaged or lost during transport. Also, please pray that our little ones will handle the traveling well.
- 3) Praise God that we have temporary housing when we first arrive in Chiang Mai! Please pray we'll be able to find a permanent home to rent quickly.
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