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## Thankful for 3 Months in Thailand



We have been in Thailand 13 weeks now, so as we enter November, a month to focus on remembering to be thankful, we want to give you all a glimpse into our daily lives and share with you a few of the many ways God has blessed us. Many of these blessings are a direct result of your prayers being answered. As you watch the above 3-minute video, please join with us in thanking God for His many blessings!

## Month of Mourning

The month of October the entire country of Thailand had a mourning dress code in honor of the funeral and cremation ceremony of their beloved king. It's hard to explain going out and seeing thousands of people (literally almost every single person you pass) wearing black, white, and grey. When we went out our family did our best to dress respectfully to honor the Thai people grieving the death of their beloved king.

# ? How to dress during Mourning Period?



Greyscale



Appropriate Tone



No vibrant colors\*

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Gov. Office Uniforms</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Short sleeve shirt/ Tees</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Long sleeve Shirt / Tees</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Long Skirt</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Dress</p> </div> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Wear scarf or coat over your sleeveless shirt.</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Polite Shoes</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Wear Black Neck Tie</p> </div> </div>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Vibrant Pattern</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Torned Clothings</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Short Skirts (Over your knees)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Provocative Clothings</p> </div> </div>	<div style="text-align: center;">  <p>* Excepted for anyone who are required to wear uniforms or running out of B&amp;W clothings.</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Black Armband (Left Arm)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Black Ribbon (Left Chest)</p> </div> </div>



If you want to dye clothings black, contact NFE office nationwide. (www.nfe.go.th) Tel. 1660

References

- <https://www.wongnai.com/articles/how-to-wear-mourning-dress>
- <http://www.bangkokbiznews.com/news/detail/722978>

When our children asked, "Why do we need to do this? We're not sad," it was a beautiful time to explain to them that it's important to grieve with those who grieve and that although we are free to dress how we want, it's important to be willing to "become all things to all people" so that they can see our love and be pointed to our Savior.



## Work Permit and Visas

This month Greg has spent a lot of time going through the process of getting a work permit which is necessary for us to be able to stay in Thailand legally. Greg had to gather dozens of documents and submit them at different times to separate offices. It's amazing how much time and effort has to be put into just being able to remain in the country legally. Just this morning Greg had to sign around 50 pages! On Friday morning our whole family will be going to the immigration office to file our visa extension request. Our temporary visas expire on November 4, so please pray that the process will continue to go smoothly and that Greg will get his work permit within the next few days so we can apply for new visas.



## 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 His faithfulness to us over the past three months! Please pray for our continual adjustment and for us to develop friendships.
- 2) Please pray for the country of Thailand as they grieve the loss of their king, and for us to be salt and light to those around us.
- 3) Please pray for Greg to receive his work permit over the next few days so we can renew our visas, which expire on November 4.

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

*Greg + Rachel*

