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Philippines Wisdom Literature Conference



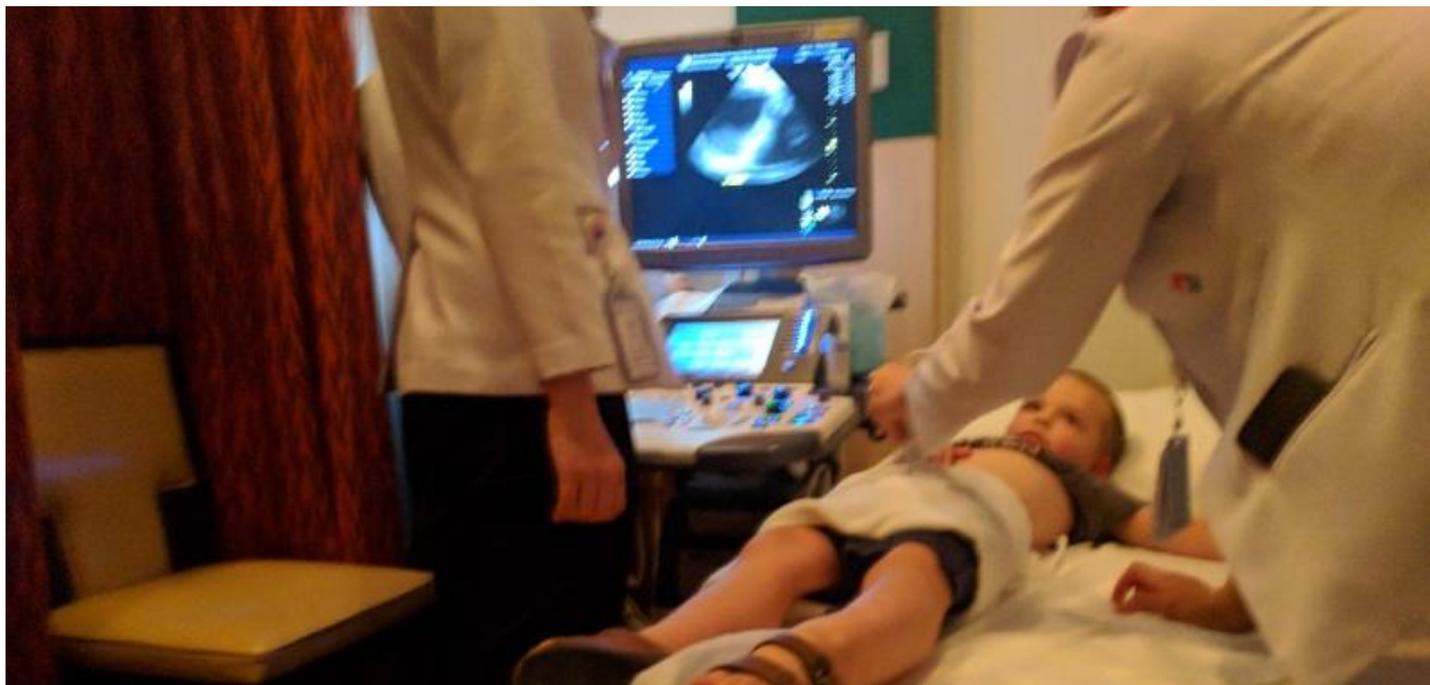
Greg just finished teaching at the Alabang Resource Center conference in the Philippines. He was the main speaker at the 3-day conference just south of Manila and taught four sessions on Wisdom Literature, Job, Proverbs, and Ecclesiastes. There were around 30 Filipino Christian leaders in attendance. Hopefully they gained a lot of *chokmah* (Hebrew word for "wisdom") at the conference!

The people there were very kind and grateful for the topic. Several of the attendees mentioned that it completely changed how they look at wisdom literature! One running joke in the conference was about Greg's age: they all thought it was funny that such a young man was coming to teach them about wisdom. One of the attendees said to Greg: "This is so important! What didn't you come sooner to teach us about this?" Another person replied: "Because he was still a baby!"

Despite the joking, it was very encouraging to Greg to be able to meet and teach such a wonderful group, as well as being able to encourage them as well!

Over the next two weeks Greg will be teaching the class Wisdom Literature to our Asia Biblical Theological Seminary students in Manila. Please pray for Greg and the students to have a great time together, and for Rachel and the kids as they do life in Chiang Mai apart from him.

Isaac's Kidney Tests



This month Isaac had his annual kidney ultrasound to monitor his small right kidney and reflux issues. The results went to his pediatric urologist in Michigan and praise the Lord Isaac's doctor felt the results are stable enough that we don't need further tests at this time.

Our American pediatric urologist and Chiang Mai pediatrician also strongly encouraged us to make an appointment for Isaac to see a pediatric urologist in Bangkok, so March 1st Daddy and Isaac will be making a special father-son trip to see the specialist in Bangkok. Please pray for the trip to go smoothly and for the doctor to have wisdom as she looks at Isaac's condition.

Youth Group



We began leading the youth group at our church this month! We had 31 teens from 7 different countries. Please pray for us as we continue to get to know them and pour into their lives. Also, please pray specifically for Rachel who will be sharing with the youth group this Sunday, February 4 about how our perspective changes everything as the teens study Philippians 1:12-20 and Rachel shares her testimony.

Animal Sketching Class



This semester Rachel is teaching an Animal Sketching class to 15 3rd-5th graders at the kids' home school co-op. The kids have been loving learning to sketch simple animals, and Rachel's been enjoying pouring into a class of elementary students this semester. Our home school co-op has been such a blessing for Christian, Abbie, Isaac, and Hannah as they've made many wonderful friends and have the experience of being in a classroom setting every Monday morning. Please pray for our family to be a blessing to the other families at co-op!

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 Greg was a blessing as he taught at the Wisdom Literature conference in the Philippines. Please pray for him to do a great job teaching the Wisdom Literature class to our ABTS students in Manila.
- 2) Praise God Isaac's kidney tests showed his situation remains stable. Please pray for his appointment with a specialist in Bangkok on March 1.
- 3) Praise God we had 31 teens at our first time leading the youth group! Please pray for us to lead them well and have the opportunity to get to know them deeply.
- 4) Praise God Rachel's Animal Sketching class is going well, and that our four children have the opportunity to attend this special home school students co-op. Please pray for our family to be a blessing to the other families at co-op.

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

Greg + Rachel

