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Three ER Runs

This month we had to make three trips to our Chiang Mai emergency room!

ER Trip - #1



Earlier this month our sweet Abbie girl was taken to the ER with a severe headache and a terrible facial rash that we had been unsuccessfully able to treat with Benadryl and Zyrtec. She was prescribed a topical steroid cream, but for a week the rash continued spreading down her neck and onto her upper back and chest. For several weeks she had almost no energy, headaches, and was sleeping around 20 hours a day. Thankfully through the prayers of many people after a week Abbie's body began to heal and the rash started to clear. After another two weeks her itchiness was gone and her energy returned. However, sadly yesterday the rash returned. We're working with a pediatric allergist to clear the current rash and on March 15 Abbie will have a skin test done. Please pray for Abbie's current rash to heal and for us to discover the cause of the facial rashes.

ER Trip - #2

After Greg returned from his trip some precious lifelong friends came to visit us. While they were with us, there was a stairs incident resulting in a severely sprained ankle and our second ER run. Thankfully we had a spare wheelchair and our home is accessible as we had two mamas in wheelchairs taking care of their families. Despite the fall we had a wonderful time with our friends.



ER Trip - #3



And for our third ER run, our little Isaac injured his left big toe, almost ripping off the nail, and unfortunately his toe got infected so into the ER he went this past Tuesday. The surgeon removed the toenail, and Isaac is now on antibiotics and his toe is healing.

Although we've spent more time in the hospitals that we would prefer this month, we are thankful for the good medical care we have been able to receive in Thailand! Please pray that God will protect our family in the coming months and provide us with good health.

Wisdom Literature Class



While Rachel was dealing with Abbie's health crisis at home, Greg was teaching Wisdom Literature in the Philippines. It was really hard for him to be away from us during such a challenging time, but God was faithful to the whole Vrugink family and we made it through.



Thankfully Greg's class went really well! Because wisdom literature isn't as well known as other areas of the Bible, the class was able to learn a lot. The students were very engaged and had a lot of good questions. The students seemed to connect in particular to the messages of Ecclesiastes and Job. One student commented that though Ecclesiastes is a difficult book, it is very comforting to know that God's Word acknowledges the difficulties and disappointments that often occur because we live in a broken world. We know that there is hope, but sometimes knowing that there is a book of the Bible that

speaks so deeply of the brokenness of the world can be a different kind of comfort.

In addition to lectures, there was a lot of group work and practice teaching from the wisdom books. There was even a visit one evening from the ABTS board, who were having their meeting in Manila (see the top picture above of the board with the class). Overall, it was a great time of learning and growing in God's Word!

Please pray for Greg's students as they do their post class assignments - planning a wisdom literature teaching series, outlining teaching plans, and writing sermons. Also, please pray for Greg to have wisdom as he guides and instructs them.



Youth Group



Leading the teens at our church has continued to go well! We are enjoying getting to know the youth, but it's a little hard because we only officially meet two times a month. We have a Game Night scheduled for Saturday, March 24, so please pray for good attendance and that we'll be able to get to know many of the teens better.

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 the good medical care we have been able to receive in Thailand! Please pray for Abbie's current rash to heal and for us to discover the cause of the facial rashes. Also, please pray that God will protect our family in the coming months and provide us with good health.
- 2) Praise God Greg's Wisdom Literature class went well! Please pray for Greg's students as they do their post class assignments and for Greg to have wisdom as he guides and instructs them.
- 3) Praise God leading the youth at our church is going well! Please pray for us to be able to build deeper relationships with the teens.

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

Greg + Rachel

