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## Greg & Isaac's Bangkok Trip



Greg and Isaac had a smooth trip to Bangkok in early March! ABTS is in the process of opening up a new class site in the northern part of Bangkok, so Greg spent time meeting with the pastor of an international church that will hopefully be hosting our classes for that site. He was also able to preach at the church on Sunday and meet with a couple of current ABTS students that live in the area. It was a fruitful time, and hopefully ABTS will be opening classes in that location by the end of the year!

Greg also took Isaac to see a pediatric urologist in Bangkok as there is not one located in Chiang Mai. Isaac's kidney condition puts him in a position that's borderline for surgery. Our pediatric urologist in Grand Rapids, MI leaned towards not doing the surgery, but our pediatric urologist in Bangkok told us she leaned towards doing the surgery. As of now we don't plan to do the surgery, but every year we have to evaluate his condition so next year we'll revisit this again. Please pray for us to have continued wisdom as we make decisions regarding Isaac's medical treatments.

## Rachel & Kids' Co-Op Farewells



This month Rachel and the kids concluded their 2nd semester 11-week home school co-op! Even though classes for this year are ending, everyone was able to celebrate the year at closing ceremonies. Rachel's Animal Sketching class drew animals during the closing program, Abbie's hip hop class did a dance, and Christian's oceanography class displayed underwater boxes containing clay sea creatures. The kids formed many wonderful friendships and will greatly miss this group over the next 5 months. Please pray for us to be able to continue to get together with these families and strengthen friendships as this is so important to our kids social and emotional well-being.

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.

## Cookies & Ballet Outreaches



On Good Friday we delivered plates of Easter cookies to our neighbors! It's very hard to get to know them at this point because of the language barrier, but one family speaks some English so we are planning to get together with them this month. Please pray for us to be creative with how to reach out to our neighbors and show them the love of Christ!



Abbie and Hannah have also started taking ballet classes! We purposely chose not to go to an "international" school so we would burst our bubble and have the opportunity to get to know Thai families. Both girls are enjoying ballet and are making friends. Abbie can be seen around the house doing her ballet poses and saying, "Neung, song, sam, si." (1, 2, 3, 4) Rachel is starting to get to know the other moms, and just this month they began exchanging phone numbers in order to setup play dates outside of class. As new relationships are beginning, please pray for these relationships to grow and for us to have opportunities to share Christ with these new friends.

## Youth Group Game Night

We enjoyed hosting a Youth Group Game Night this month! It was so great to get to spend time with handful of students and really get to know them. We're just beginning to get to know the teens, so please pray that we will be able to spend quality time with the youth at church and that we can have the opportunity to pour into their lives.



## 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 and Isaac had a smooth trip to Bangkok! Please pray for the startup of a new class site in Bangkok. Also, please pray for us to have continued wisdom as we make decisions regarding Isaac's medical treatments.
- 2) Praise God the kids had a wonderful semester at their home school co-op! Please pray for us to continue to strengthen friendships over the next 5 months.
- 3) Praise God for opportunities to get to know unbelievers in our neighborhood and the girls' ballet class! Please pray for these relationships to grow and for us to have opportunities to share Christ with these new friends.
- 4) Praise God we were able to host a game night for the youth group. Please pray for us to continue to get to know the teens better.

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

*Greg + Rachel*

