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Organizing a Theological Library in Asia



This month we had a team of four ladies come to ABTS to organize the seminary's library! It's a HUGE job and we're so grateful for them sacrificing part of their summer to serve in this way! There are few spaces in Chiang Mai dedicated to making quality theological resources available, which makes their work all the more important! Rachel and I were able to help out in small ways by having them over to our house, taking them out for traditional Thai food and supplies, providing tech support, and doing airport runs. It was a pleasure to serve alongside them for a couple of weeks!

Also, this month Greg continued to prepare for the upcoming classes in Chiang Mai that will be July 16-27, created promotional materials for classes in the Philippines, and worked on testimonial videos of our Mae La refugee students.

Mae La Bible School Flooding



It's rainy season in Thailand and with the daily raining has come flooding. The entire Mae La refugee camp flooded recently, including everyone's homes and the Bible school that ABTS partners with in the camp. The flood waters poured through on a Sunday morning during their worship time and three children are still missing. Please pray for our ABTS students there to have safety, protection from sickness/disease, wisdom as they complete the repair work that will need to be done, and above all comfort as they deal with the loss of these three precious little ones.

Abbie's Baptism



This month our sweet Abbie girl made the choice to publicly declare her faith through baptism ([see video clip and read Abbie's testimony on our blog](#))! Our international church meets in a hotel, so our church family headed up to the rooftop pool for her baptism. It was such a joy to see Abbie declare that her family's faith is her personal faith!

Rachel made Abbie a "Baptism Memory Book" which include's Abbie's testimony, pictures from her baptism, and small notes of encouragement from Abbie's family and friends. If you or your children know Abbie could you please [email Rachel](#) a short message for Abbie's keepsake book? We would like Abbie to be able to reflect on how her family and friends have seen her grow in her walk with God and be able to read their words of encouragement for her future in the days that lie ahead.

James Children's Bible Study

Over the past few months Rachel wrote a children's Bible study on the book of James! The James study contains 34 lessons for older children (ages 7-13). Each family devotional lesson takes around 10 minutes and walks through the entire book of James.

Rachel followed the ARTS acronym:

A - Ask a hook question to draw the kids into the lesson.

R - Read the passage.

T - Think about the passage by asking the kids questions.

S - Self-reflect on how the passage applies to your life.



Children who will benefit from this study most are 2nd-8th graders who are able to easily read and understand a Bible passage. Younger children can learn from it too, but it's definitely geared for older elementary or middle school kids. Rachel was able to share this Bible study with several families in Chiang Mai and their families are benefiting from doing this study with their children.

Please check it out and consider using this with your older kids during your family devotional times too! It's been a great experience for our kids, and we are continuing this method of Bible study for family devotions and are now studying the book of Ecclesiastes (at the kids request - "It's Daddy's

favorite book and we want to know more about it."). It's been a good experience for seminary professor dad to take the book down to the kid's level.

We hope this James Children's Bible Study will be a blessing to some of your families too!

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Children's Bible Study

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 group of ladies that sacrificed their time to organize the ABTS library! Please pray for Greg this month as he coordinates the ABTS class July 16-27 and preaches to our international church on July 22 and 29.
- 2) Please pray for the Mae La refugee camp believers to have wisdom and comfort as they deal with the flooding of their homes, the Bible school, and the loss of three children.
- 3) Praise God for Abbie's decision to follow Jesus' example in baptism to publicly declare her faith! Please pray for her to continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and for our other three children to also coming to a saving faith in Jesus Christ.
- 4) Praise God Rachel was able to write the James Children's Bible Study! Please pray for it to be a blessing to many families.

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

Greg + Rachel

