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Haven Amidst Uncertainty



Several weeks ago we got an urgent text from some of our best friends. This couple is working somewhere else in Asia, but the security situation in their location had reached a concerning level. As a result the wife and their children have been with us the past two weeks, the husband joined us just a few days ago, and they may be with us in Chiang Mai a few more weeks - the length of time depends on the situation. It has been such a privilege and joy to host this precious family amidst this uncertain time. Please pray for our home to be a haven to this family as they face the uncertainty of knowing when they can return to their home.

Also, this month our house helper's husband was in a car accident. Since he's a Grab driver (similar to an Uber or private taxi driver) this meant his car was in the shop for a week and he was uncertain if/how he would be able to make money during this time. We had been thinking about putting in a little vegetable garden and our lawn was beginning to look like a tropical jungle, so we hired him to create a little vegetable garden and clean up our yard. He's done a great job and we were glad to help our house helper and her husband have a source of income during a difficult week!

We are grateful our home has been a haven to these families as they face uncertainties regarding safety and finances.

New Class!



This month Greg has been developing a new Old Testament Biblical Theology course, focusing on the full story of the God's work in the Old Testament and how it connects to the New Testament. He will be teaching the regular course next year on-site in the Philippines, but in January he will be doing a small guided study with a few students via Skype. He's looking forward to this different way of instruction and enjoying putting the class together!

ABTS Annual Report



Click the picture to the left to read the annual ABTS reports which includes statistics on student numbers, enrollment, graduates, and more.

Youth Group

We are enjoying working with the teens at our international church! We have 40 teens coming regularly to Youth Sunday School (which meets 2 Sundays a month), and we've received official approval to begin an actual Youth Group on Wednesday nights starting in January! The group will meet in the ABTS office lecture hall as our church doesn't own its own building. We are so excited to begin this new ministry with the awesome teens at our church, so beginning in 2019 we will be able to connect with many of them 6-7 times a month instead of just 2 Sundays a month. Please pray for us to continue to connect deeply with the teens in our youth group!



Homeschool & Co-Op Resume



This month Rachel and the kids fully jumped back into their normal home school routine! Christian is in 6th grade and Abbie is in 4th grade, and they are doing an [online home school program called Monarch](#). Isaac is in Kindergarten and doing a great job learning to read! Hannah (who begged to do school too) is feeling like a big girl doing Pre-K3 fun.

Rachel is also leading Elementary Chapel and co-teaching a Nature Journaling class at the home school co-op on Mondays. Each week Rachel gets to pour the truths of God's Word into the hearts of 65 little ones and their parents. She's also started a Mom's Night Out group that meets once a month to help international moms connect and encourage each other. One mom in particular is not a believer and has become very close to Rachel, so we're specifically praying for her to have more opportunities to share the hope of Jesus with her. Another mom who Rachel is close to lost her baby at 36 weeks this past week, so Rachel has been doing her best to encourage this mom through meals, offering childcare, and even through writing some [beautiful words](#).

Please pray for Rachel to have patience, gentleness, and wisdom as she teaches our little ones at home this year, and for God to continue to bring women into her life who she can encourage and point to Christ.

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 our home was able to bless two families this month! Please pray for our missionary friends as they face the uncertainty of knowing when they can return to their host country.
- 2) Please pray for Greg as he develops his new Old Testament Biblical Theology course and continues with his usual duties at ABTS.
- 3) Praise God we have received the necessary approvals to begin a Wednesday night Youth Group for the 40 teens in our church! Please pray for us to connect deeply with them and have the opportunity to pour truth into their lives.
- 4) Praise God Rachel is able to home school our little ones, and also has been asked to lead Elementary Chapel and Mom's Night Out events to bring truth into the families in our home school community. Please pray for Rachel to have patience, gentleness, and wisdom as she teaches our little ones at home this year, and for God to continue to bring women into her life who she can encourage and point to Christ.

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

Greg + Rachel

