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Preparing for Mae La Refugee Camp



November 4-17 our family will be traveling to western Thailand to minister to the people of the Mae La refugee camp. The camp houses 50,000 people from Myanmar. There is a strong group of believers in the camp, and Greg will be teaching their top 15 Christian leaders how to understand and teach Old Testament Wisdom Literature. In addition, our family will be worshiping with them and bringing them food on Sunday, November 11. Each refugee typically only receives 1 cup of rice with a squirt of fish paste to eat each day, so the food will be a special blessing for them.

If you would like to give a special one-time gift towards the purchase of food for these refugees, please do these two steps:

1) Follow the below link, then click "Get Involved" (the button under the video) and fill out the form at the bottom of the screen to give. All gifts are tax deductible and must be sent in by November 7 in order for the funds to be processed in time for us to purchase the food.

Give Towards Refugee Benevolent Fund

2) Email the ABTS financial administrator (jonathana@abts.asia) and let him know that you would like your gift to be specifically designated for the purchase of food at the Mae La Refugee Camp and the amount you given. The fund covers many things for the refugees including scholarships, so he needs to know you would like your gift to specifically go towards food.

Gospel Opportunities

Over the past few months God has brought a special family into our lives and we've formed a close friendship with them. We've been praying for them regularly, and this month Rachel had the opportunity to share more about her faith with the mom. The mom also asked if she and her husband could get together with us to discuss the Bible more. This family is very entrenched in some demonic practices, so please be praying for us to be protected spiritually as we seek to share the love of Jesus with them.



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 a building. We are so excited

to expand our ministry with the teens at our church, so beginning in 2019 we will be able to connect with 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!

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 in November we will have the opportunity to serve the Mae La refugees through Greg teaching Old Testament classes and bringing them food. Please pray for the students to understand Greg's class well and for us to be a blessing to them.
- 2) Praise God Rachel was able to share the Gospel with a friend this month! Please pray for God to work in the hearts of our new friends.
- 3) Praise God we have received the necessary approvals to begin a Wednesday night youth group for the international teens at our church! Please pray for us to continue to build strong mentoring relationships with them.

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

Greg + Rachel

