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Refugee Ministry



This month our family spent two weeks in the town of Mae Sot - which is about 5 hours southwest of Chiang Mai on the border of Myanmar (Burma). Greg taught an ABTS Wisdom Literature class and the majority of the students were Karen refugees residing at the Mae La refugee camp. Greg also had the privilege to preach at the refugee church on Ecclesiastes as he shared about living wisely even in difficult times. Although the refugees have almost nothing in this world, they have the hope of Jesus ([click this link to listen to a 40 second clip of their incredible choir worshiping](#)).



We also had the privilege to bless the refugees with food! Due to your generosity we were able to give them \$850 worth of rice, fish, garlic, onions, apples, and more. Alwyn, the head of the Bible

college at the refugee camp, came with us so we knew what would be best to get. The kids were excited to surprise the 100 refugee children living at the Bible college with pocky (chocolate covered pretzel sticks). Greg also took his students out for dinner the final night of classes - a treat many refugees have never experienced before. Thank you for praying for our ministry to these sweet believers!

Youth Ministry

This month we had a Campfire Cookout for the teens in our church! We had a wonderful evening getting to know them better! Please pray for the teens as we will be starting a weekly Wednesday night youth group beginning in January. Committing to attend youth group every Wednesday night will be a huge schedule change for the teens that decide to attend, so we're praying for God to tug on their hearts and bless this upcoming new ministry.



Family Christmas Ministries



This month our family is planning lots of ministry opportunities surrounding the Christmas season! We will be making loads of cookies to give to our neighbors and a local children's home. We have two Christmas parties planned for our youth group and children in our international community. We plan to give *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* to a family who enjoys reading magical English books but doesn't yet know Christ. We will be making a hospital call to a needy Thai family that has a child with a disability to bless them with clothes, toys, and treats. Please pray for our family to be bright

lights during this special time of year, and for our home to resonate with joy and peace amidst the many activities.

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 a blessed time as Greg taught Wisdom Literature class and we ministered to the Karen refugees!
- 2) Praise God for a successful Campfire Cookout Youth Group event! Please pray for the teens to respond to God's call if He desires for them to be part of the weekly youth group beginning in January.
- 3) Praise God for many outreach opportunities this Christmas season! Please pray for our family's Christmas ministries to be effective in drawing people to the hope of Jesus Christ, and for our home to resonate with joy and peace amidst the many activities.

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

Greg + Rachel

