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Thailand Presentations



This month we traveled over 2,000 miles to Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Indiana! Praise the Lord for safe travels and the opportunity to share about our ministry with 3 churches, 2 small groups, and many individuals. Our kids enjoyed being part of the two small group presentations by showing our friends traditional Thai clothes and greetings. This month we have a 6-day trip planned to Tennessee and Ohio, and we fly home to Thailand on August 26. Please pray for safe travels to Tennessee and Ohio this month as we complete our final month of furlough.

August 17
Agape Chinese Church
Morning Prayer Meeting
Beavercreek, OH

August 17
Thailand Experience
Fairborn, OH

August 18
Dayton Chinese Church
Dayton, OH

August 24
Women's Missionary Tea
Grace Community Church
Hudsonville, MI

August 26
Fly Home to Thailand

Isaac's Bladder & Kidney Condition



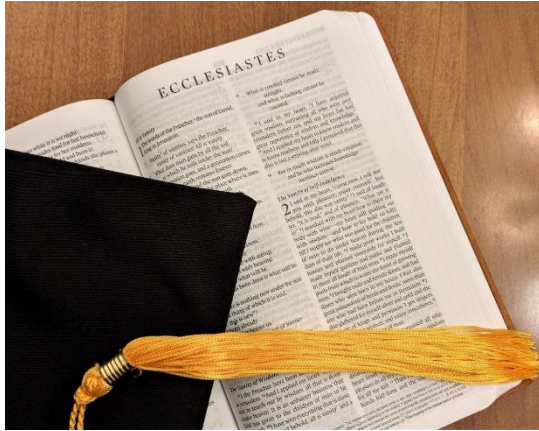
This month we met with Isaac's American urologist. Isaac's bladder and kidney condition was okay in 2017, not great in 2018, and he's doing okay again here in 2019. So overall Isaac is staying steady and no surgery is needed. Usually boys' urine reflux condition remains consistent after age 5, so level 4 (of 5) reflux and 25% right kidney function is probably Isaac's normal for life. Please pray for Isaac to continue to grow into a strong boy, to be free from urinary tract infections which are often common with his condition, and for his right kidney to not decline further. Thank you for praying for our sweet boy!

Thai Visas Received



This month we mailed a large envelope with our passports, visa applications, and lots of required documentation to the Thai consulate in Chicago. A few days ago we received back our 6 passports which each contained a lovely new Thai visa with a stamp of approval - praise the Lord! Please pray for us as to have wisdom as we purchase clothes and other items needed for the next two years and pack our 12 bags to fly home to Thailand on August 26.

PhD Acceptance and Funding



Praise the Lord that through the generosity of His people we now have all of our needed monthly supported! We are so grateful for how God provides for our ministry through His people, and it's such a blessing to be able to return to Thailand fully funded!

Now that our monthly financial needs are met, we just have one more fundraising need to complete. This summer Greg was accepted into Columbia International School's PhD program and he will begin this 4-5 year program this fall! Greg's studies will be focused on the Old Testament and he'll be required to write a 100,000 word dissertation (the number of words in a novel). The cost of this degree is \$24,000 and although that's a large amount of money it's actually significantly cheaper than most PhD programs.

ABWE has created a continuing education fund for those who feel led to help provide for the costs of Greg's required degree. **We have been blessed with \$5,500 so far and would like to have \$12,000 (the cost of the first 2 years) raised before we leave in three weeks, so we need another \$6,500 in one-time gifts this month.** If you feel called to give a one-time gift to help with this need please download the needed form to mail in a check.

[Click Here to Give to Greg's PhD Fund](#)

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 the Lord our major two-week trip went smoothly! Please pray for safety as we travel to Tennessee and Ohio this month.
- 2) Praise God that Isaac's bladder and kidney condition remains stable! Please pray for Isaac to continue to grow into a strong boy, to be free from urinary tract infections which are often common with his condition, and for his right kidney to not decline further.
- 3) Praise the Lord Greg was accepted into CIU's Old Testament PhD program! Please pray for God to provide the needed \$24,000 to complete this degree.
- 4) Praise the Lord we received back our 6 passports which each contained a lovely new Thai visa with a stamp of approval, so we're set to fly home to Thailand on August 26! Please pray for us as to have wisdom as we purchase clothes and other items needed for the next two years and pack our 12 bags. Also, please pray for smooth flights back to Thailand.

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

Greg + Rachel

