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One Person at a Time



This month as Thailand experienced a huge resurgence of Covid, the restrictions were tight - groups were limited to no more than 20 people, schools were closed, and even markets had restrictions in place, but God still gave us ways to reach out to people one person at a time.

We purchased avocados from a sweet local lady who was selling avocados from her organic farm person-to-person to support her family because she can't sell them at the market this year due to Covid restrictions.

We began to weekly purchase homemade wheat bread from a struggling local man who wisely began preparing bread to sell when the local bread factory had to be closed due to a Covid outbreak.

We hired a poor family to begin to cut our grass and trim our trees on a regular basis. These little acts are small, but to these three people these actions are helping in a big way and it's a joy to support these families by allowing them to use their skills and receive an income.

Some days ministry involves teaching and training, and some days ministry looks like buying avocados and wheat bread. Please pray for God to continue to show us ways to be a blessing one person at a time amid Covid restrictions.

Passports, Work Permit, & Vaccines

In mid-August we applied to have our 3 oldest kids' passports renewed (Hannah is on a different schedule). It's a pretty simple process at the US consulate with the only difference from renewing it in Thailand as opposed to renewing it in the USA being that we have to bring pictures showing each child growing over the past 5 years in order to prove the child from the picture 5 years ago is the same child we're bringing in for a new passport in order to help prevent child trafficking. We were so blessed that the kids' passports arrived just 8 days later and the following week we were able to transfer their visas from their old passports to their new passports.



In September Greg will be applying to renew his work permit. A work permit is a 2 year document that allows Greg to teach for Asia Biblical Theological Seminary in Thailand and he has to obtain this document in order for our family to receive visas and be able to reside in Thailand. We have been told that in order for Greg to receive his work permit it's required that he have been vaccinated, but the problem is that vaccines aren't easily available for Americans. Some countries have sent Thailand vaccines for their citizens, but not America. We're signed up to receive the vaccine when it's available for us as foreigners, but realistically that could be several months from now. One would think that since we're trying, but unable to get vaccinated that Thailand immigration would waive this requirement but they may not view it the way we do. Please pray for us to have wisdom as we navigate how to receive the vaccine required for Greg's work permit, and that Greg will be able to receive his work permit even if he's not able to get vaccinated.

ABTS – Ending and Beginning



BIB630 - Wisdom Literature

Greg's Wisdom Literature class is finishing up in just a couple of weeks, and after that he'll be grading his students' final papers on the book of Ecclesiastes. As soon as that class finishes, he'll be immediately starting on another online Old Testament Biblical Theology class. He's taught that class several times over the past year, so he's been able to make some adjustments to make the class more beneficial to his students. Please pray for his Wisdom Literature students to finish strong and for his new Old Testament Biblical Theology students to get a good start this month!

Youth Girls Summer Bible Study

This month Rachel had her final two youth girls summer Bible studies! It was such a joy for Rachel to pour into these teen girls over the summer months, and lives were changed as a result of the truths that were shared. The high school girls loved their time together and asked Rachel for a grand finale sleepover so of course she did! Please pray for the girls to remember the lessons they've learned in the coming months and years.



Small Youth Group Ministry



We also began having youth group from our home! Due to Covid restrictions we weren't allowed to use our regular building at all and even private groups had to be no larger than 20 people, so we had a high school night, middle school night, and teen game night on Saturday evenings. The teens had to sign up to attend and each gathering had less than 20 people to obey the government's regulations and we were at full capacity every time.

In September we will continue doing youth group from our home with the middle schoolers meeting on September 4 and 18, the high school meeting on September 11 and 25, and an overnight event September 24-25. Please pray for the teens to continue attending amidst this different format and for us to be able to pour deeply into the lives of the teens who we're with each week.



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 we were able to help support 3 local people this month. Please pray for God to continue to show us ways to be a blessing one person at a time amidst Covid restrictions.
- 2) Praise the Lord our kids 3 passports were processed quickly and smoothly. Please pray for us to have wisdom as we navigate how to receive the vaccine required for Greg's work permit, and that Greg will be able to receive his work permit even if he's not able to get vaccinated.
- 3) Praise the Lord that Greg's Wisdom Literature class has gone well. Please be in prayer for his upcoming Old Testament Biblical Theology class.
- 4) Praise the Lord that over the summer Rachel was able to study the truths of God's Word with some teen girls. Please pray for the girls to remember the lessons they've learned in the coming months and years.
- 5) Praise the Lord we were able to continue to have youth group in small groups at our home! Please pray for the teens to continue attending amidst this different format and for us to be able to pour deeply into the lives of the teens who we're with each week.
Thank you so much for all of your love and support!

Greg + Rachel

