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Cancer Treatments Finished



**“He brought out His people with rejoicing,
His chosen ones with shouts of joy.”
Psalm 105:43**

Psalm 105 reflects on the Israelites being rescued from Egypt and then being provided for in the desert. After the Israelites crossed the Red Sea they were still in the middle of the dessert, vulnerable, and the promise land was still far away, but they rejoiced anyway (see the song in Exodus 15).

We're rejoicing that a few weeks ago Greg had his final chemotherapy treatment. Even though it will take months for Greg to regain his full strength (and regrow his hair!), even though regular testing over the next 5 years to see if the cancer will return or not leaves us feeling vulnerable, and even though the promise of "cancer free" is still far away, we're still rejoicing in freedom from chemotherapy treatments and the promise that God knows Greg's future destiny.

Thank you for praying with us throughout this journey! Please continue to pray for Greg to return to full health in the months to come and for our entire family as we adjust to a new normal and prepare for new adventures in 2022!

Asia Biblical Theological Seminary

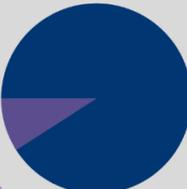
Our 450 Graduates
MRE - 355
M.A. - 46
MCS - 42
M.T.S - 7



Our alumni serving in 27 Different Nations



Our donors who enable us to provide education at 90% less than the average cost



FREE!
Auditing for spouses



10 Courses we offered in 2021

129 Church leaders equipped



Our professors, students and the ABTS Team who continued to work & study through the pandemic.



Asia Biblical Theological Seminary has so much to be grateful for this year! We're thankful that Greg has the privilege to serve at ABTS as the Old Testament professor. We're thankful for all our faithful financial supporters that make it possible for deep, solid theological education to happen in Asia!

Cornerstone University has installed a new president and that means reintroducing ABTS to a new administration. Please pray for us and especially our dean, Jim Blumenstock, in the coming months as he attempts to explain our 38-year partnership and our model to brand new partners.



Christmas Outreaches



This month we were able to lead two Christmas outreaches! First, our youth group teens prepared Christmas cookies and cards for 60 residents in a local nursing home. Due to Covid restrictions, we weren't able to deliver them in-person but each card clearly shared the gospel and the teens took time to pray for the residents.

Click the link above to see a 2-minute video of our youth group teens preparing Christmas cookies and cards for a local nursing home.



Second, our family was able to help some local Thai Christians in throwing a Christmas party for some low-income children in their neighborhood. Our family purchased and prepared 40 gift bags filled with treats and little presents for the children. Each gift bag also contained a booklet sharing the gospel in Thai. We also helped lead cookie decorating and songs during the party. It was a blessing to be able to share the gospel with these needy children this Christmas.

Co-op Leadership Role



This semester it looks like our Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op will be able to begin meeting again starting on January 10! There are lots of restrictions (lunch time not allowed, temperature checks upon arrival, masks worn at all times, etc.), but as of now we're thankful to be allowed to gather together on Monday mornings.

Rachel has been asked to take on a leadership role at the co-op. She'll be in charge of scheduling classes, assigning teachers and assistants, and planning fun events. She's excited about this opportunity, but especially in these Covid times there will be challenges too. Please pray for her to have wisdom as she takes on this new leadership role.

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 Greg is done with his chemotherapy treatments! Please pray for Greg to return to full health in the months to come.
- 2) Praise God for the ongoing ministry of ABTS! Please pray for our partnership with Cornerstone University to remain strong and for the new leadership to desire to continue to partner with us.
- 3) Praise God for the Christmas outreaches our family was able to lead this past month! Please pray for the gospel seeds that were planted to blossom into new life for the elderly and children who heard the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 4) Praise God our Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op will be able to begin meeting again! Please pray for Rachel as she takes on a leadership role at the co-op.