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High School Youth Retreat



In March we coordinated and led a High School Youth Retreat! We had 52 teenagers from Germany, South Africa, Britain, Thailand, Australia, Korea, China, and the USA. We focused on the Psalms and the teens "tasted and saw" that the Lord is good, faithful, King, and Savior! We were able to dig into God's Word which brings life and renewal. We are so thankful for this time to pour into this international group of teens who are going to be future leaders all over the world!

3 Months Cancer Free



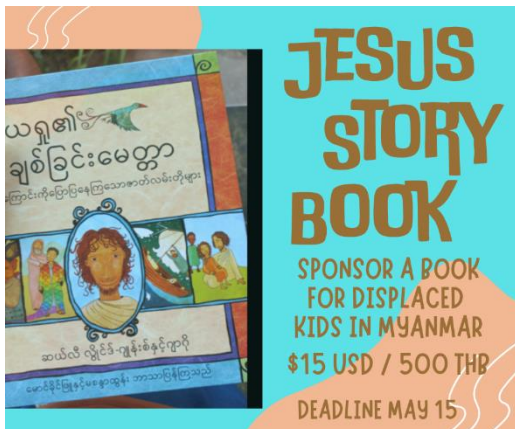
"Your scan looks clean!" were some life-giving words we heard this month. Praise the Lord Greg went in for his 3-month cancer check and he remains cancer free! Greg still has a blood clot in his right leg and the blood thinning medication he takes as a result causes tingling and sensitivity in his hands and feet, so please continue praying for the clot to clear soon so Greg can be off medication completely.

Gospel Sharing Conversation

This month Rachel had a beautiful conversation with a seeking friend about how grace changes everything. Rachel's friend, Erica, grew up Roman Catholic and was turned off to Christianity by the constant threat of "going to hell" and never being good enough. She married a Buddhist man and began dabbling in Daoism because there she felt she found grace, but still no hope for eternity. As the ladies talked Erica began to put the pieces together that she needed a foundation of grace that was rooted in Jesus Christ. Rachel was able to clearly explain the gospel, and that Jesus and His grace are what gives us forgiveness and hope for eternity. Please be praying for God to draw Rachel's friend, Erica, into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ!



Jesus Storybook Burmese Bibles

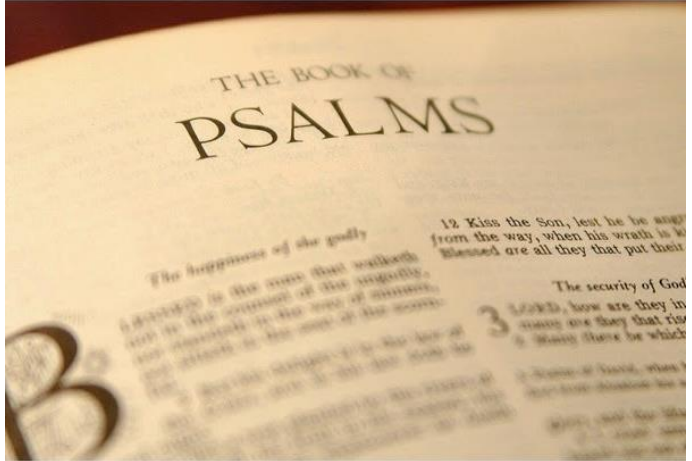


This month we're gathering money to purchase children's Bible for children in displacements camp in Myanmar (Burma). The cost is \$15 per book and each book being sponsored is being matched, so you're really giving two! We'll be collecting money for the books through May 15. [Email Rachel](#) for giving details. Let's spread the love and good news of Jesus through these lifegiving words!

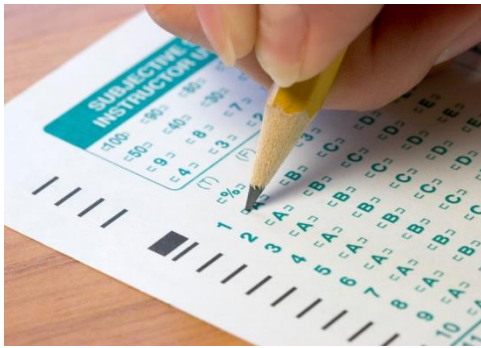


Small Group Psalms Study

This month we began hosting a bi-monthly small group at our house. Our international church has around 250 people, so connecting in small groups is important for building community. We had a lot of interest and have 9 families in our small group which makes us more of a "medium" group than a small group, but that's alright. We eat a Thai dinner together, and then Greg leads our group in worship and in studying a psalm. It's been a joy to talk about God's life-giving Words, fellowship, and pray for one another.



School Year Ending & SAT Test



This month the Vrugink kids will be wrapping up the 2021-2022 school year! Please pray for diligence, perseverance, and patience as Rachel and the kids finish up their last few weeks of school. Also, please pray for Christian as he takes the SAT this Saturday, May 7. This fall Christian will hopefully begin taking online college courses through Liberty University. In order to enroll in their beginning Computer Science class he needs to receive a certain score on the Math portion of the SAT, so please pray with us that he'll do well enough to be able to take that course.

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 coordinate and lead a High School Youth Retreat for 52 teens! Please pray that God will continue to bear good fruit in their lives.
- 2) Praise the Lord Greg is 3 months cancer free! Please pray that Greg's blood clot will safely dissolve and that he will continue to remain cancer free.
- 3) Praise the Lord Rachel was able to have a gospel conversation about the grace of Jesus with her friend, Erica. Please pray that God will draw Erica into a saving relationship with Jesus Christ!
- 4) Praise the Lord for the opportunity to purchase Bibles for children in Myanmar (Burmese) displacement camps. Please pray that children will come to know Jesus as a result of receiving these life-giving Words.
- 5) Praise the Lord we've been able to begin a small group Psalms study in our home! Please pray for Greg to have wisdom as head leads the times of worship, teaching, and discussion, and for the believers who meet in our home to develop a strong bond.
- 6) Praise the Lord the Vruginks have almost made it through the 2021-2022 school year! Please pray for the kids as they finish school this month, and especially be praying for Christian as he takes the SAT on May 7.