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Furlough Housing Need

We just purchased our plane tickets to visit our friends and family in America! We're looking forward to seeing everyone over the late spring and summer. We should be arriving on Sunday, April 24 and hope to stay until around August 7 in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. **Please join with us in 1) praying that a home for us to rent at reasonable rate will be offered to us for April 24 - August 7 (or at least a significant part of that time) and 2) if you know of such a home please let us know as we don't have any leads at this time.**



Women's Outreach Center



This month our family became aware of some needs of a women's outreach center that rescues abandoned and abused women and their children, so we brought a whole crew of youth to help them fix the place up!



Rachel, Christian, and some other high school boys repainted the walls of a little house for a family moving in later this week.

Abbie and some other teenage girls repainted two big pieces of playground equipment.



Greg, Isaac, Hannah, and a huge crew of youth pulled weeds, hoed, hauled bricks, and redid some paths on the property. They also restrained a deck. It was a hard day of work in the Thailand heat, but it was such a blessing to bring a team to serve these special women and children in a very practical way!



Greg Book Writing



This month Greg's PhD dissertation writing has been put on pause for a bit because he was asked to write a chapter in a book. The book will be about weakness and vulnerability in ministry and that we emphasize God's work rather than our own.

Greg's chapter will be on what the fear of the Lord in wisdom literature teaches us about understanding our own weakness in ministry. In Proverbs the fear of the Lord is shown primarily as having the humility to recognize that we do not have wisdom, but God does and we need to seek it from Him. In Ecclesiastes it is having the humility to let go of our need to control outcomes in our life. We serve God faithfully and trust Him with the results, whatever they may be. In Job is having the humility to let go of our need for answers. Job never found out why he suffered, but fearing God for Job meant trusting God's power and control over the universe even when he didn't understand it.

Please pray for Greg as he works on this chapter as it needs to be completed in the next two weeks and then he'll get back to work on his PhD dissertation.

Middle School Youth Retreat



We had a fantastic Middle School Youth Retreat! We had fifty 6th-8th grade students from Thailand, Australia, India, China, Britain, and America sign up! It was a joy to teach that the Lord is good, faithful, King, and salvation! Greg led the worship team and Abbie played piano. Greg also shared "The Lord is King" challenge from Psalm 95 and led a small group of guys in discussion time. Rachel handled all the promotion, registration, facility reservations, shared "The Lord is Faithful" challenged from Psalm 13, and led a small group of girls in discussion time. It was wonderful to have times of worship,

Bible study, games, swimming, and lots of time to connect with the youth. At the end of the final session one young man accepted Jesus as His Savior and lots of others prayed special commitments to God. It was such a joy to see these 11-14 year-old students' hearts be stirred towards Jesus through this retreat!



Homeschool Co-op

First Hour						
Ages 1-3 Outside Playtime	Ages 4-5 I Can Finger Paint	Ages 6-7 Fun Seasonal Crafts	Ages 8-9 Animal Drawing	Ages 10-12 Orange vs. Blue		Ages 13-18 Construction Basics Art
Second Hour						
Ages 1-5 We Like Kindergarten		Ages 6-7 Let's Get Moving	Ages 8-9 Food Fun	Ages 10-12 Brain Builders	Ages 10-12 Chess Explored	Ages 13-18 Orange vs. Blue
Third Hour						
Ages 1-3 Finger Play	Ages 4-5 Schoolyard Fun	Ages 6-7 STEM Fun	Ages 8-9 Basketball	Ages 10-12 Learning from the Master	Ages 10-12 3D Printer Pen Art	Ages 13-18 <i>A Midsummer Night's Dream</i>

This month Rachel has continued to lead the Homeschool Co-op with 100 kids and 35 parents participating. This month she's also begun preparations for the spring semester. Each week it takes hours of behind the scenes work to make these classes happen, but it's such a blessing to see the homeschool community thrive which enables many missionary families to feel comfortable staying on the mission field and also provides the opportunity to share the gospel with non-believing families who join the co-op.



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 join us in prayer that we would find housing for our upcoming furlough from April-August.
- 2) Praise God for the chance to help out at a local women's outreach center! Please keep them in prayer as they reach out to women and children in the name of Jesus.
- 3) Praise the Lord that Greg has the chance to contribute a chapter for a book project. Keep in him prayer as he finishes work on his chapter and returns to work on his dissertation.
- 4) Praise the God for a great middle school retreat! Please pray that God would continue to work in the lives of those that were changed at the retreat.
- 5) Praise the Lord for our thriving homeschool co-op! Please for the salvation of non-believing families that take part in the co-op.

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

Greg + Rachel