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## Christmas Ministries



The Light  
shines  
and the  
darkness  
has not  
overcome it!  
John 1:5  
Merry Christmas  
from the Vrugginks  
Greg, Rachel, Christian,  
Abbie, Isaac, & Hannah



The month of December is always a busy time of ministry! We collected and handed out bags of food to some poor families in need. We purchased gifts, food, and clothes for a grandma raising her 4-year-old grandson because the little guy's parents are in prison, and some of our youth group teens sung Christmas carols in a local mall.



There is so much joy in ministry when we do it as a family! This year was really special because everyone in our family participated in our international church's Christmas service. Hannah quoted Luke 2:8-20. Abbie played the piano during worship and sang a solo. Isaac was Joseph. Christian ran power point. Greg read a Bible passage in Hebrew and played bass guitar. And Rachel was behind the scenes organizing the program. We pray this special service shone the light of Jesus brightly!

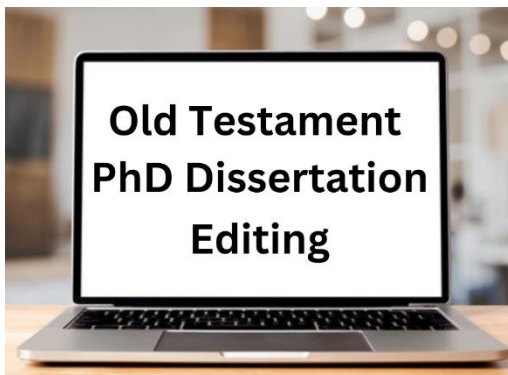
[Click here](#) to watch Hannah quoting Luke 2:8-20 and Abbie's "Noel" piano solo.

## Abbie's Knee Surgery

This month we also had a medical emergency. While dancing in our living room to *The Nutcracker* ballet with friends, Abbie dislocated her patella which caused some pieces of patella bone to be ripped off and tore her ligaments. She had to have a surgery to repair her severely injured knee. The 2nd day in the hospital she was in a tremendous amount of pain, but she persevered and now she's doing really well. She'll need to wear her knee brace for another 5 weeks and she can't do any vigorous physical activity for 6 months, but we're grateful she's recovering well.



## PhD Dissertation Editing



In December Greg completed the writing of his 300-page Old Testament PhD Dissertation, and now he's on to the editing and proofing process. The final draft needs to be submitted to the PhD committee on January 13. They'll review it for a few weeks and then let him know improvements he has to make in order to graduate. We're so grateful to be seeing the light at the end of the tunnel of the PhD process!

# Homeschool Co-op

First Hour									
Ages 1-3	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-7		Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18	
Outside Play	Fun with Playdough	Zoology		Recorder	Animal Drawing II	Races & Games	Volleyball	Home Economics	Cars
Second Hour									
Ages 1-3	Ages 4-5	Ages 6-7		Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18	
Inside Play	Outside Fun	Soccer II	Drawing	Sports Games	English Folk Dancing	String Art	Scratch Programming	Ink Art & Lettering	Public Speaking
Third Hour									
Ages 1-5		Ages 6-7		Ages 8-9		Ages 10-12		Ages 13-18	
Stories & Melodies		Drama Games	Jump Rope	Little Pilgrim's Progress	Thai Language & Culture	Public Speaking	Gameboarding	Christ-Centered Yoga	Disc Golf

In January Rachel will launch the spring 2023 co-op semester! They had a record 138 kids and 50 families sign up to be part of the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op. Rachel has been working hard to make all the necessary arrangements so these classes can happen. Please pray for the semester to flow smoothly and for the families who don't know Jesus to be drawn to Him through the believers they encounter at 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 the Lord for the various Christmas ministries our family was able to be part of in December! Please pray for the Thai families to be touched by the message that Jesus Christ came to earth to save them from their sins.
- 2) Praise the Lord Abbie's knee surgery was successful and she's recovering well! Please pray for Abbie's knee to continue to heal and for it not to become dislocated again.
- 3) Praise the Lord God has brought Greg to the editing phase of his PhD dissertation. Please pray for Greg to have perseverance for the PhD committee to look upon his dissertation with favor.
- 4) Praise the Lord Rachel has the opportunity to coordinate the Chiang Mai Homeschool Co-op and that they have a record 138 children and 50 families! Please pray for the semester to run smoothly and for families who don't know Jesus to be drawn to Him through the believers they encounter at co-op.

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

*Greg + Rachel*