



# The VRUGGINKS

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## Ohio & Michigan Visits



We've had a wonderful month connecting with many of our friends and partners in Ohio and Michigan! We went to Ohio for a weekend and enjoyed sharing about our ministry in many homes and connecting with wonderful friends from our college years. In Michigan we shared with our sending church and also taught the children about Thailand and how they can be lights in the darkness where God has placed them. All of these people have deeply encouraged our hearts. We're grateful to have so many amazing people partnering with us to do God's work in Southeast Asia!

## Upcoming Visits

**June 10-18**

Indiana Visits

**June 11**

Aboite Baptist Church  
*Fort Wayne, IN*

**June 18**

Indianapolis Chinese Church  
*Carmel, IN*

**July 16-20**

Missionary Enrichment Conference  
*Baltimore, MD*

**July 22**

Thailand Experience  
*Syosset, NY*

# PhD Graduation



This month Greg officially graduated with his PhD in Old Testament Biblical Studies! It was such a challenge for Greg to get this 5-year program done in 4 years while living overseas amidst Covid and a cancer diagnosis, so it was with joyful tears that he became Dr. Greg Vrugink! Thank you for praying with us as he went

through this journey. We're excited that Greg's educational journey is officially done and that he can pass on the wonderful knowledge he has gained to his students at Asia Biblical Theological Seminary.

## Upcoming Visits

**July 23**

Long Island  
Abundant Life Church  
Hicksville, NY

**August 9**

Flying to  
Thailand





## ABTS Classes

Even though we're in America, it's been a joy to see what Asia Biblical Theological Seminary (ABTS) is accomplishing in Asia! Our fellow ABTS professor, Brandon Hirth, who teaches Counseling, just wrapped up teaching in the Philippines. Brandon taught his students about emotional discipleship and how the gospel offers a unique healing opportunity for day-to-day struggles. We love the ministry of ABTS and how God is using the professors to train Asian leaders in strong, practical Biblical theology.

On June 14 registration opens for Greg's online Old Testament Biblical Theology class. The online class will run July 24-October 25, so it will begin a few weeks before our furlough ends. Please be praying for God to direct the students who need to learn the trust of the Old Testament to Greg's class.

24 JULY - 15 OCTOBER 2023

**HYBRID COURSES**

<b>BIB 557</b> HEBREWS Dale Marshfield, D. Theol.	 NORTH DELHI, INDIA Face-to-face September, 8 - 10
<b>MNS 672</b> COUNSELING SKILLS Brandon Hirth, ThM	 SOUTH DELHI, INDIA Face-to-face August, 23 - 27
<b>MNS 681</b> PASTORAL CARE Timothy Dunham, MA	 CHIANG MAI, THAILAND Face-to-face August, 21 - 25
<b>MNS 500</b> SPIRITUAL FORMATION Juan Eclarin, PhD studies	 BANGKOK, THAILAND Face-to-face September, 1 - 4

**ONLINE COURSES**

<b>BIB 502</b> OLD TESTAMENT BIBLICAL THEOLOGY Greg Vrugink, PhD	<b>THL 500</b> INTRODUCTION TO GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION
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REGISTRATION WILL OPEN ON 14 JUNE, 2023



## Hirt Family Support



We have such a good God. Even amidst the heaviest of trials His faithfulness shines through. God blessed Greg and I with the blessing of staying in a beautiful, duplex missionary house for the summer. A few weeks ago we found out that some fellow Chiang Mai missionaries were experiencing a hard, trial as the husband, Chris, was diagnosed with stage 4 lymphoma. We began answering emails with questions about cancer treatment in Thailand and praying for this precious family. Then we found out that God was

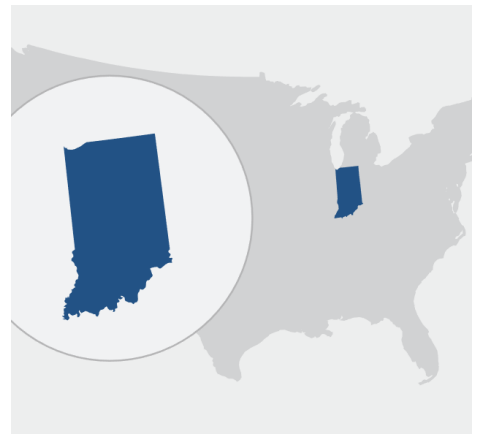
bringing this sweet family to live in the duplex next to us. We've been able to have hours of beautiful conversations with Chris and Becca. Don't we serve a good God who brought two missionary families from Chiang Mai, Thailand whose daddies have faced cancer to live next to each other for a summer? I'm amazed by His goodness.

Will you please join us in praying for the Hirt family? You can subscribe to their blog page ([click here](#) and scroll to the bottom to sign up for email updates) to stay informed as to how Chris and the family are doing. Also, please pray for us to love this precious family well during our summer together.

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God." 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

## Indiana Visit

June 10 - 18 we'll be in Indiana for a week. We'll be sharing June 11 at Aboite Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana and on June 18 at the Chinese Community Church of Indianapolis. Throughout the week Christian will be attending a Cybersecurity Camp at Taylor University while the rest of our family enjoys meeting up with friends, family, and supporters in Indiana. Please pray for safe travels and good times of connection.



## Financial Needs

Can you help us reach  
100% support?

### Monthly Partners Needed

1 Partner \$150/month



2 Partners \$100/month



4 Partners \$75/month



4 Partners \$50/month



6 Partners \$25/month



Just \$350  
per month  
needed!

Praise the Lord that 3 families and 1 church increased their giving by a total of \$225 this month, so we just need \$350/month of committed support and we'll be fully funded again!

If you are a current supporter and would like to increase your monthly giving amount, please email [donorhelp@abwe.org](mailto:donorhelp@abwe.org). If you would like to become a new financial partner, please click the [click here](#). We would so blessed to have you partner with us in spreading the gospel in Asia!

## 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 safe travels to South Carolina for Greg's graduation and to Ohio to connect with churches and supporters! Please pray for us to have safety while traveling to Indiana and for special times of connection with our partners this month.

2) Praise the Lord for the wonderful ministry of ABTS teaching Filipino students Counseling skills this past month. Please pray for the ABTS students as they register for classes this month, specifically that God will direct the students who need to learn the truths of the Old Testament to Greg's class.

3) Praise the Lord for bringing the Hirt family to live next door to us! Please pray for the Hirt family as Chris undergoes chemotherapy treatments and for our family to be a blessing support to their family this summer.

4) Praise the Lord we received \$225/month in financial support in May! Please pray for God to raise up individuals and churches to partner with us for the remaining \$350 we need in monthly financial support.



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

*Greg + Rachel*