



January – March, 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The first part of 2024 has felt like it has gone by in a blur with meetings with friends, conferences, camps, accidents, and visa renewals! Let me explain.

To begin the year, we were blessed to be able to fellowship with a number of friends in missions. A family that used to live and minister here in Thailand were able to come back and be part of an outreach project. It was good to be able to spend some time with them while they were here. We also had the opportunity to be a part of the Mission Possible Asian retreat and the fellowship and sessions were encouraging.

In February we again helped with the camp for Missionary Kids held at a retreat center about 8-9 hours drive south of us. This year's camp was overshadowed by the events that followed it. We arrived home from camp on Saturday afternoon. We had just started drinking our evening cup of coffee when the missionary who directs the MK camp sent me a message at 5:53pm asking if I could help a missionary family who had a serious automobile accident in a more remote part of our province. This family was not connected to our MK camp at all. They serve the Lord in a restricted-access country and were passing through on their way to a seminar in the North of Thailand.

Long story short, we were the closest people who their mission agency was able to contact who could provide bilingual support to them. Longer story short, for the next 2 weeks, Maureen and I were almost completely occupied with either helping to provide direct assistance to the family or to their friends and relatives who came to assist them. After 2 weeks in local hospitals, they were all able to make the move to Chiang Mai where their organization was able to help them get further care.

When talking to the ER doctors and police officer who oversaw the accident scene, it became clear that the Lord had spared the lives of this family. Several of them are continuing to recover, but everyone is improving. Due to the sensitive nature of their location, I don't want to say too much more about their specific situations, but we praise the Lord that we were in a position to help this dear family when they needed it.

As we closed out March, I (Mike) had a couple of meetings related to the agency that helps us with obtaining our missionary visas. Due to a number of extenuating circumstances, what used to be done 6 weeks before our visa expiry date was only completed the week before. Praise the Lord, we were able to renew our visas for another year!

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Throughout all of these “extra” things that have happened, the work of church ministry, personal outreach and discipleship continues! While we did cancel our Sunday service immediately following the accident mentioned above so we could assist the family (it was also a long-weekend, which meant the hospital was understaffed), we have seen the Lord working in the lives of His people. One man who I have been meeting for discipleship on a weekly basis realized, as he was reading Romans in his devotions, that he had not really been trusting in Christ when he was baptized several years ago. He had a head knowledge but did not truly place his trust in Christ until last May. We rejoiced at the opportunity to have him give a short testimony and be baptized at the end of March.

We finished an evangelism and basic Bible course in our Sunday School time in March. We are praying that folks will be better equipped to reach their friends, family and colleagues because of it. We are praying for a couple of people to be saved who have been attending fairly regularly with family members, but they have not yet placed their faith in Christ. Please pray for “Loong” and “Dong.”

At the end of June, I will be taking Wyatt back to Canada to begin his life there. This is an exciting time in his life and brings a whole range of emotions to everyone! He will be staying with Jessica and Wayne (our 2 oldest children). With Wyatt moving back they will be moving into a bigger apartment. Wyatt has been working hard at developing his guitar and piano skills and wants to open a studio to teach classical guitar and piano to the glory of God. Please pray for him during this time of transition to life in Canada, for students for him to teach, and for a job while he gets set up. Also, of course, please pray for his parents and little sister back in Thailand who will feel his absence rather acutely.

As I write this, it has been 16 years since our family landed in Thailand in 2008 to begin serving the Lord here. God has been so faithful and good to us! A large part of His goodness has been expressed through those of you who have supported us financially, prayed for our family and ministry, and encouraged us over these last 16 years. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

Philippians 1:3-6 *I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*

For His Glory,

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