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To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.

Acts 26:18

Prayer Requests

- Learn the Thai language
- Game, his family, and other English students to accept Christ's salvation
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for believers in Cha-Am
- Laborers for God's Harvest

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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We thank you for your faithfulness in showing the love of God to us through your prayers and support, both in finances and in ways of encouraging us in the Lord. We have seen and experienced answered prayers from the Lord these past two months. First, we thank many of you for praying for us and the people of Cha-Am during this rainy season. **God has been so good to us in that we have had very little flooding in our area.** We have been able to perform our weekly schedules of language school and church services as well as ministries with no danger due to flooding. This unfortunately cannot be said for everyone in Thailand. **Please pray for those in the northern part of the country as they have been severely affected by flooding in this rainy season.**

Our time in language school is progressing well. We recently finished our third lesson book and have been told that we are no longer beginners in Thai language school. This may be true according to their administering of different textbooks and levels of learning, but we still feel very much like beginners. It is somewhat encouraging when speaking to fellow missionaries who have been in Thailand already for a number of years to know their struggles and the difficulty of the Thai language for most individuals. We do not use this as an excuse or as a reason to be lazy in learning the language. As one missionary who has served here for twenty years shared with me and my wife, "Learning Thai language is not like a sprint; it is more like a marathon. But you have to treat it like it is both." In other words, we understand that **learning Thai is very likely a long process, but it is to be a long process of dedication to and prioritizing of learning the language. Please pray that we retain a generous amount of what we have already been taught and that God continues to give us grace as we approach this next semester of Speaking Thai.**

We greatly appreciate the prayers on behalf of the ministry we have come alongside of in Cha-Am. We are constantly reminded of the importance of slowing down in our preaching and teaching to explain Biblical truths that may seem simple to one who grew up in a church culture but is confusing and possibly misunderstood by others who have not had that privilege. **As the Apostle Paul made his request to the church at Ephesus to pray for him "that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel," so we ask that God give us the words to speak boldly and clearly so that we might make known the mystery of His Gospel.** It is with heavy hearts that we share with you an update concerning the young man I have been discipling, Leo, and his mother. During the month of September, they met with the different ministry team members of the church to share with us they were leaving the church and joining the Eastern Orthodox religion. This came as quite a surprise and brought great sadness to each of us. **In the midst of this tragedy, we have seen the grace of God working in Leo's aunt, his mother's older sister. Her name is Ghan, and she was just recently baptized during our church camp back in August. As her sister and nephew have made this decision, she has stood faithful in following Christ and the teachings of Scripture.** Please pray for her that she would stay faithful during this season familial disagreement and separation.

During a week in October, we had the honor of taking a group of ten from our church and English class to LIFE Camp, an English-learning center which hosts a large number of English students from all over Thailand. **Close to 600 people attended the camp this year, all of whom heard clear presentations of the Gospel during preaching times and even throughout the camp activities. Katrina was assigned teaching English to the young people, ages 11 - 16.** Each English teacher would have a Thai assistant to help the Thai people better understand what was being taught. Katrina was thankful her assistant assigned to her was Orn, the Thai lady we work with at the church in Cha-Am. It was a wonderful week of teaching, learning, playing, and seeing God work. We pray the Lord continues to bless each one of you as you serve Him in your corner of the world. Thank you again for your prayers.

In Christ,

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