



# THE FILES FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

September-October 2023

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. Rainy season is coming to an end here in Thailand. There has been much flooding as usual, but thankfully the area that we live in has not been affected much. One evening the water got knee high in front of our house but receded by the next morning. This is our first rainy season in this house and we were concerned about flooding but we made it through the rainy season without any problems.

The last couple of months have been busy with language study and ministry. We are enjoying studying the biblical language. It has been difficult because of having to learn so many new vocabulary words. Please continue to pray that God will give us the ability to understand and to retain what we are being taught. Pray that we will have opportunities to practice what we are learning.

We were invited to help with LIFE Camp this year. The Holmes family started this many years ago. LIFE stands for Learning Intensive English Free. Most churches in Thailand have English ministries where people can come and learn English but they have to stay and learn Bible also. Every year churches from all over Thailand will bring their students to this camp. This is the first time they have had it since we have been here due to covid. My wife was asked to teach the first and second grade class and I was asked to teach adults. Over 500 people came and over half of them were unbelievers. We have two English classes and two services each day along with games and activities like you would have at any camp. Each unbeliever is paired up with a believer to be their buddy for the week. After each service there is buddy time where the believers will share their testimonies with the unbelievers and answer any questions they may have about the gospel. By the end of the week 117 people accepted Christ as their Saviour.

We also had the opportunity to attend a retreat in Chiang Rai. This city is located in the northern mountainous region of Thailand. The retreat was focused on training for Pastors and leaders. It was a blessing to meet many national pastors and workers as well as other missionaries that are serving here. There are many hill tribes in this region of Thailand. Our church here in Bangkok has a ministry to the Ahka and Lahu tribes. We have two hostels where kids can come and stay so that they can attend school and receive an education. They also have hill tribe churches at both locations. I think they have about 80 kids there right now. Obviously they are taught the Bible as well and the prayer is that many will be saved. There is a great need for someone to go and teach them English. Many of those young people could be trained for the ministry to go back and start churches in their home villages. Pray for more laborers to come to Thailand.

In Christ,  
Daniel Files family



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