



THE FILES FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

November-December 2023

Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

We pray you all had a merry Christmas and a blessed start to the new year. November and December were very busy months here in Thailand. Thailand really has never celebrated Christmas. Recently, every year it seems to become more and more popular. The shopping malls go all out in decorating and trying to cash in on the material side of it. The sad thing is that Thai people really have no idea what Christmas is really all about. All they know about is trees, lights, and Santa. Because of their interest in that, it gives us many opportunities to share the real meaning of Christmas. Lisa and I were able to go into many schools this year. We would sing a couple of songs and play some games, then Lisa would tell the Christmas story with big picture boards. We would teach them some English words from the story and then I would preach the gospel to them. It is amazing how well they listen. Many of the kids, and teachers would listen intently, and many times even nod in agreement as I preached. Every time many would express interest in receiving Christ. Pray for these seeds that were planted and that many would be saved.

Every year we have a big Christmas program at church for the kids that come to learn English. This year we had a packed house. Many of their parents and family came. We play games, do crafts, and feed them. The gospel is preached and then we give all of them a Christmas gift. This is the only Christmas gift that most of these kids will receive. It is a blessing to watch their faces light up with joy as they open them and see what they received. Pray for these kids and their families, that they will all accept Christ as their Saviour.

We had a big surprise this year. We had planned on spending the first Christmas without any of our children here. Because of the cost of travel here it is just not possible to fly them all here. Some wonderful people surprised Katie with a plane ticket for Christmas to come and visit us. It was such a blessing to have her here for a couple of weeks. For the family that purchased the ticket, Thank You! You don't know how big of a blessing it was.

Language study is going well. We are learning more and more every week. We are thankful for God leading us to a Christian teacher that can help us with the biblical language and understanding how Thai people think. This past Sunday I had the opportunity to preach in Thai for the first time. I was more nervous than when I preached my first sermon as a 13 year old boy. Although it wasn't perfect, everyone said they understood so that was a big encouragement. Pray that God would continue to help us improve in Language and that God would open more doors for us to use it in sharing the gospel with the Thai people.

In Christ,
The Daniel Files family



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