

THE FILES FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

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Thank you so much for your continued prayer and financial support. Rainy season is fast approaching here, and the flooded roads and traffic jams that come along with it. Although the rain can make it difficult to commute at times, it does offer a little relief from the heat.

We are continuing on in our language studies. Sometimes it feels like you hit a wall and are having a hard time improving, but you just keep plugging away, trying to learn something new every day. It is discouraging sometimes when you are struggling to say something simple and you should know how to say it, but you just can't get it to come out right. The other day I was trying to order orange juice. Orange Juice in Thai is น้ำสัม (pronounced nám-sôm with som having a falling tone. I was using a rising tone. I repeated what I wanted three times before she understood and said the right word. I said yes, that's what I said. She corrected my tone and I felt dumb as a rock. But, I put it in the memory bank and next time I will get it right, hopefully.

We had an opportunity to help host a group from a church in Texas on a mission trip. They were an excellent group with great attitudes. They helped us pass out John and Romans and invitations to our English and Bible study. We held a youth night for Pakistani refugees one night. We played games, sang songs, preached, and ate pizza. They are here in Thailand illegally trying to escape persecution in Pakistan, so they are not able to come to church often. Another missionary is ministering to them through Zoom. So when they are able to actually come and meet in person, it is a big deal to them. We were able to preach and teach in a prison one day. I was able to share my testimony with three men. They listened intently and seemed very curious if God could change their life also. Pray for them to keep coming to the class every week and for their salvation. We were able to hear the testimony of a man that was saved in this prison ministry and is now pastoring a church here in Thailand.

We have had around 15 people come to the Bible study and English class. Pray for them to keep coming and that God would soften their hearts to the gospel. We will be returning in July for a few weeks to attend our Daughter Katie's wedding. Pray that our travel expense need will be met and for safety as we



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