

THE FILES FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

July-August 2024

Thank you so much for your continued prayer and support. Last month we made a quick trip back to the states to attend our oldest daughter's wedding. Katie was married on July 27th to Derek Tarr, a young man that grew up in our home church and is now serving in full time ministry. Katie has one more year of Bible college to finish. Pray for them as she finishes up college and that God would lead them to where he wants them to serve in the future.

We returned to Thailand on August 1st and got back into the swing of things. Our Sunday evening Bible study and English class has been going well. There are five or six that have been really faithful to come every week and some others that come when they are not working. I have been teaching this month through the first few chapters of Genesis. We have taught about the creation of man, the origin of Satan, and how sin entered into the world. These people have never heard these stories before. In America, when I would preach on these things, it was always with the assumption that people already knew the basics of the story, but here you have to explain every little thing, because they have no knowledge of it at all. It is encouraging to watch them listen intently and to see their curiosity of what is being taught increasing. Several of them have been asking questions the last couple of weeks. Pray that God would open their eyes to the truth and that the Holy Spirit would draw them to Christ. Specifically pray for Geo, Hen, Nonaa, and Dada. These are four unbelievers that have been coming faithfully.

About a week and half ago I had a pretty bad car accident. I was not hurt bad just some scratches and pretty bad whiplash. Our car will be in the shop for about a month getting repaired. We have had to take taxis anytime we need to go somewhere but it has actually turned into a blessing. It gives us more opportunities to practice our Thai language. It is very rare for a white person to get in a taxi and start speaking Thai so it is shocking to the drivers. They usually always want to have a discussion which eventually leads to why we are here and an opportunity to share the gospel.

Continue to pray for our Bible study and English class. Pray that more people will come and that souls will be saved. Continue to pray that God will lead us to a building that we can rent for an affordable price. Continue to pray for our language studies and for improvement in speaking. I am still preaching in Thai once a month at Grace Baptist Church. Our home church just called a new Pastor. Brother Randy Dignan accepted the call to Pastor and arrived this past month. Pray for the transition to go well and for God to continue to bless our home church.



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