

THE FILES FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

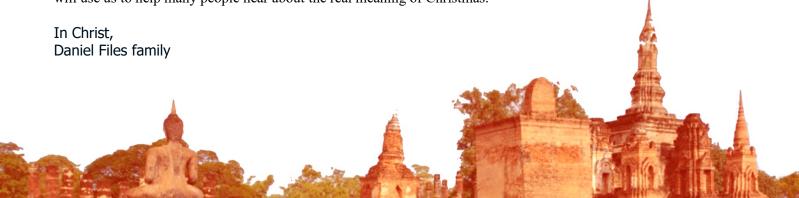
Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

September-October 2024

The past couple of months have been busy here in Thailand. Several parts of the country have been devastated with flooding, just as we have seen on the news that some of you have been dealing with that in the States as well. Thankfully the area that we live in has not been affected much and we are at the tail end of the rainy season. This past week marked the beginning of our winter. I think the temperature got below 90 degrees today. In the last letter, I mentioned that I was in a car accident. The car is still in the shop. What was supposed to take less than a month to fix is already past two months. Pray that it will be finished soon.

This past month, I was speaking to one of the ladies that had come to our English and Bible study, She had not been in a couple of weeks and I was encouraging her to come back and another lady overheard our conversation. She asked if her kids could come and I told her they would be welcome to. That week they came. The next week they brought some friends, and the next week they brought some more friends. Within a few weeks we had 17 new kids coming. It is a challenge trying to fit everyone into the dining room area and teach but we are managing. Pray that a building would open up soon in our area that we can rent. This will allow us to have more class times for different ages and a place to start Sunday morning services.

I had asked you to pray for several people in our last letter. One of them named Geo came with us to life camp last week. Every year many churches around Thailand bring their English students to life camp to learn English for three days. Lisa taught 5th grade and I taught adults. While there we have preaching every morning and every evening. Over 100 people received Christ as their Savior last week. Geo already knows English probably better than me so that is not the reason he is coming. I believe God is working on him and there is a spiritual battle going on for his soul. After every service he asked many questions about what was preached. He told me that he is considering becoming a Christian, but his mom is a Buddhist. He promised her he would go to a temple and study Buddhism for a couple of months. He said he didn't want to break his promise to his mom but, if he became a Christian and then went to the temple, he felt like he would be dishonoring God. Please continue to pray for him, that he would choose Christ. Pray for all of the new kids that started coming. They have never heard anything about the Bible or Christ. This past week we taught them the song God is so good in Thai and they all sang, but have no idea what they are singing about. Pray that they will come faithfullyand long enough to understand the gospel and be saved. The month of November and December we will have the opportunity to go into some more public schools to share the Christmas story and preach the gospel. Pray that God will use us to help many people hear about the real meaning of Christmas.



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