



# THE NICKELLS

## Missionaries to Thailand



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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

### **Sending Church**

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To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.  
Acts 26:18

### **Prayer Requests**

- Vehicle Search
- Support from churches
- Traveling safety
- Decision on language school
- Smooth Pregnancy

It has been a blessing to be back in our home area for the beginning of the Fall season. We have been refreshed to be back with friends and family who we have not seen for a few months. We started the month of September with our favorite meeting on deputation so far. Of course, we could be biased, **but it was a wonderful missions conference at our home church of First Baptist in Seymour, IA. This was a splendid time with our church family, missionaries that were back on a quick furlough, and a couple of new missionaries to our church.** We are blessed to be a part of such a missions-minded church! We then made our way to the Eastern side of Kansas where we were at a few churches for a week. **We were encouraged to have one of those churches vote to take us on for support immediately after the service!**

Growing up in church, I have heard it said before that there will be times when you feel like you are on a mountaintop of blessings and that that will be followed by a valley of testing and trial. Such has been the case for us this month. Midway through the month of September, we were traveling back through Iowa, when we were met by a deer running into the front of our van. **We praise God that none of us were injured and thank you all for praying for our safety as we travel, but our van took a hard hit.** This has been difficult for us, as we have been living out of our van as we travel from meeting to meeting. **We are grateful for churches who have been a blessing to us in the means of special love offerings, allowing us to stay longer than expected in a prophet's chamber, etc.** Thankfully, we had full coverage on the van, and our insurance company has provided a rental van for the time being. Unfortunately, it has taken insurance over two weeks to come to a consensus on whether our van is totaled or not. They have decided it is totaled, but as of today they have not yet made known to us what amount we will be receiving for the van. **Please pray for us as we continue to diligently search for a new vehicle and that the payment from insurance will be enough for us to afford a decent van for the months of traveling ahead.**

In the midst of a trial, the Lord has continued to bless us abundantly. One meeting was with a church whose Pastor grew up in our home church, and another was with a former pastor of mine who now pastors a church in NC. Both of these men have had a profound impact in my life for a number of years, and it was a blessing to see them again. We were also able to attend two missions conferences. We had a unique connection to one of those churches, specifically Katrina with the pastor and his family. Around twenty years ago, Katrina and her family and this Pastor and his family were members of the same church in Italy, just at different times, a few months apart. It was special to watch Katrina and this family reminisce over their time in Italy with some dear loved ones who invested in both their families years ago. I want to finish this letter with what I believe to be the greatest blessing we have had yet to share with you. **About a week ago, Katrina and I had the wonderful privilege of leading our oldest boy, Champion, to the Lord, and he accepted Jesus as his personal Savior!** We thank the Lord for His mercy and grace on our little boy. Please pray that he will continue to grow in the Lord and closer to Him. Thank you so much for your prayers!

In Christ,

The Nickell Family - Jordan, Katrina, Champion, & Emmitt