

THE NICKELLS

Missionaries to Thailand



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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We praise the Lord for the opportunities He has given us this past month to serve Him and hopefully be an encouragement to the local churches into which He has brought us. We have been blessed to meet new people and make new friends, but God has also allowed us to be with friends we have known for years who have had a tremendous impact on our lives. We ended our time in Florida and Texas last month and began to make our way to the Northern States. Along the way, we were able to stop in Tennessee for a couple of meetings. We were blessed by our time in these two churches, one of which was pastored by a faithful servant of the Lord, Brother Mich Tibbits. **Brother Tibbits and his wife have been great friends to my wife and her parents over the last 15 years or so.** It was a pleasure to get to know this godly couple better. Our time in Tennessee also allowed us to have a few days with Katrina's parents; a time which was enjoyed by all.

We left from Tennessee at the beginning of this month, and while our next meeting had us in Indiana, **we had the delightful privilege of being with our home church in Iowa for Resurrection Sunday.** It was a wonderful time to be with my family and our church family on this special Sunday. I was also given the opportunity to give our home church an update and preach a message from God's Word the following Wednesday night. **We thank God for our church and our pastor, for their love, support, and encouragement towards us.**

One of the many blessings we get to experience on deputation is being able to travel to many different places and see different things in our beautiful country. With that being said, we were blessed to be able to be almost stationary for the last 3 weeks in Indiana. We were even able to say for nearly two weeks in one spot, an upstairs parsonage that was made available. This was able to give Katrina and the children some stability and comfort for a longer amount of time as usual. We praise God for those who have provided such places for our family. Our time in a number of Indiana churches was full of spiritual encouragement and godly love. Last year, we had scheduled a missions conference with one of these churches in Indiana. Earlier this year, we received the sad news that their pastor had left this world. The church still wanted to carry out the missions conference, and what a blessing it was! It was a delight to see many in the church faithfully stepping up, exalting Christ with their efforts. One of our prayer requests has been that God might use us to work in other's hearts about missions. **We saw God answer this prayer at New Hope Baptist Church in Knox, Indiana. I was told by a few people in the church that they felt the young people in the church were gravitating towards what was being said and presented in the services. Please pray for this next generation that they would be sensitive to the will of God for their lives and that they would also have a heart for missions.**

While we were in Tennessee at the beginning of the month, we were in a church where they had a flyer on their bulletin board for a Ladies' Conference at FaithWay Baptist Church in Evansville, IN. Realizing we would be in Indiana during that time, I encouraged Katrina to attend this conference as I felt it would be a great help and encouragement to her. She was able to attend and also spend the time with a good friend of hers from her teenage years. At the conference, she was able to hear from wonderful speakers such as Francie Taylor, Sharon Rabon, and Amy Sapp. She also had the pleasure of meeting Brother Curtis and Mrs. Amber Hall's daughters at the conference. The Halls work with BEST Missions, whose goal is to distribute the Word of God throughout Southeast Asia. They have done a majority of their work in Thailand. She greatly enjoyed the opportunity to attend and was blessed by it. Thank you for all your continued support and prayers. We could not do what we are doing without the grace of God and the kindness of His children.

In Christ,
The Nickell Family - Jordan, Katrina, Champion, Emmitt, & Autumn

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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

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