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Missionaries to Thailand



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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

**Current Support:
78%**

Prayer Requests

- Support from churches
- Traveling safety
- Language school decision
- Laborers for God's Harvest

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

As mentioned in our previous prayer letter, the Lord blessed us in early September with a minivan, given to us by a dear couple in Wisconsin. The van has been a blessing, meeting our need and having no major issues running. It has already been tested for a few thousand miles these past two months, driving from the upper north of Wisconsin, Ohio, and Michigan to the southeast of Maryland and even down into Georgia. We praise the Lord for the safety He continues to give us as we travel from church to church. In early September, we had the privilege of being at a missions conference with a church who has already been faithfully supporting us since the beginning of this year. **It was a joy to not only meet the dear people of Riverview Baptist Church in Seymour, WI, but also have the opportunity to in person thank them for their prayers and sacrificial giving towards our ministry.** We shared the conference there with a veteran missionary family from Brazil, who years ago when on deputation, had stayed with my wife and her parents when she was about 16 years old. **Katrina remembered these dear folks, but we were encouraged to hear that after more than 15 years this family not only remembered my wife's family but had been praying for them over that time!**

The Lord has given us a number of missions conferences to be a part of this fall. After our conference in Seymour, Wisconsin, we were able to be with Victory Baptist Church in Lodi, Ohio, for their missions weekend. We began the month of October with back-to-back missions conferences. We were with New Hope Baptist Church in Leesburg, Georgia, and from there I flew back home to Iowa to attend a missions conference at Harvest Baptist Church in Fort Dodge. Both of these meetings were a delight to be in. The conference in Fort Dodge, Iowa, held a youth missions conference during the day at their college. It was such a blessing to see a group of young people loving and serving the Lord there. The church also held some quick survival lessons for the missionaries attending, as well as for the young people. From Iowa our meetings took us to Tennessee, where we had a couple of meetings scheduled. While in Tennessee, our children became ill and continued to only get worse, especially our oldest Champion. We took him into urgent care where he tested positive for strep. At that time, we were thankful to be spending the week with Katrina's parents. For the health of our children and the sake of keeping our schedule, and after some prayer, my wife and I believed it would be best for her and the children to stay with her mom and dad while I traveled to our upcoming meetings for the next two weeks. I ended the month of October with wonderful meetings in Tennessee, Alabama, South Carolina, and Maryland. These churches have been very gracious in keeping their meeting with me even with my family's absence. **It seems that our children's health is better now, but please continue to pray for them as it is the time of year for sickness.**

We invite you to rejoice with us as the Lord has led two additional churches to partner with us in getting the Gospel to Thailand! Please join with us in prayer that the Lord would increase our support in the next few months in order for us to leave for Thailand sometime early this next year.

As we enter this beautiful time of year and change of season, we also are given a healthy reminder towards the importance of being thankful. It is our aim to greatly express our gratitude to each of you for your prayers and support for our family every month. **We echo the words of the Apostle Paul, when he wrote to the church of Ephesus, we "cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers." It is a great encouragement to know we have hundreds of people praying for us each and every day.** We are grateful for the impact you have made on our lives, in helping us better prepare for the mission field. We could not do what we are doing without the Church following the Lord's command of being witnesses for Him both in their Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

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