



THE NICKELL FAMILY

Missionaries to Thailand



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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

**Current Support:
90%**

Prayer Requests

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

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We have been truly blessed by our Almighty God over the last two months in a number of different ways. He has once again allowed our paths to cross with some wonderful churches. While Katrina and the children spent some R&R with her parents, I was able to begin the month of November with two churches in Maryland. While I missed my time with family for a couple of weeks, these churches were truly an encouragement and a blessing. From there I was able to make the trip back to my in-laws, where I was reunited with my family, and we were able to present our ministry to a nearby church at First Baptist Church of Atoka, Tennessee. Before heading home to Iowa for the holidays, we were able to be with a couple of churches in Ohio and West Virginia. We want to be sure to thank the Lord for the safety He gives us to our many meetings and for the many delightful churches He has allowed us to meet. One thing the Lord has shown us during deputation is that He has already mapped out our schedule and will provide us with the churches He would have us visit. We have experienced this again over the last two months. Two meetings (one in Iowa and the other in Nebraska) were provided by God during a missions conference in October where I met the pastors of these two churches. **They invited our family to be with them soon before we leave for Thailand, which we thank the Lord we were able to do so. One of those churches voted to support us that evening we were with them!** Also, in early November, I received a call from a pastor in Tucson, Arizona, who wanted to fly me in to present our ministry to his church. He was given our last prayer letter by one of his church members who at one time had gone to church with my wife and her parents. **This pastor in Arizona had been looking for a missionary to support in Thailand, and that church also voted to support us that evening!** From the beginning of deputation to the near end, we have seen the sovereign hand of God on our lives and schedules.

As we near the end of our time on deputation, Lord willing, we understand the importance of spending time with our families. We thank the Lord that we have been able to do so during this holiday season. **Shortly before Thanksgiving, we were able visit the Creation Museum and the Ark Encounter with Katrina's parents.** This was each of our first time at the Ark and mine and the children's first time visiting the Museum. This was both an educational experience and a splendid time spent with family. From the week of Thanksgiving to the first week of the new year, we will be staying with my parents in Iowa. **We are grateful to be able to spend Thanksgiving and Christmas with family before we leave for Thailand.** This also allows us to be with our home church in Iowa when we are not at another church for the purpose of presenting our ministry.

We thank each of you for your many prayers on our behalf. We are excited to share some wonderful answers to prayer with you. We had asked you to pray that the Lord would quickly increase our support. **Over the last month and a half, we have had 8 additional churches take us on for support by faith! With this additional support, and the blessings of our pastor and mission board, we have made plans to leave for Thailand in late January 2024! Airline tickets have been purchased for our trip and our visas have been approved!** Please continue to pray for us as we make the preparations and packing for our transition to the other side of the world. **We thank the Lord that we have had the privilege of being in the ministry of deputation and are now prayerfully looking forward to the next step He has planned for us. Again, we could not do what we have been doing the last two years without each of you, your prayers and support.**

We would like to end this letter by wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year! Many of you have sent us a Christmas card or an email wishing us the same. Thank you for thinking of us during this busy time of year. Thank you to those who gave us a special Christmas gift this season. You all are such a blessing. May we worship the Son of God who came born of a virgin to die for the sins of all the world so that we might have everlasting life.

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