



THE NICKELL FAMILY

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:
100%

Prayer Requests

- Learn the Thai language
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for believers in Cha-Am
- Laborers for God's Harvest

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

Our family has truly experienced the goodness of God these last few weeks. We know that that is, in part, due to your praying for us. This past month for our family could possibly be termed a "blessed blur", but **the Lord has given us the grace to understand that we must truly take account of and appreciate all He has done for us in these inaugural days here in Thailand.** Within only a few short days, the Lord led us directly to the house He had prepared for us. It has everything we were praying for, in regard to number of bedrooms and spaciousness. It is a simple, but quaint home for which we thank God for. One conversation I had with our oldest boy Champion touched my heart. Just a few days after we moved into our new home, his experience being on deputation over the last two years led him to ask me when we would have to leave our new house. I shared with him how I do not know when the Lord may lead us to live somewhere else, but for now, we have no plans on leaving anytime soon. His smile at that response thrilled this Daddy's heart! Our home is also in the middle of a Thai neighborhood, where I believe we may be the only Christians living now. **Please pray that we will be able to build relationships with our neighbors and be a light and witness to those living near us.** In addition to providing us with our home, God also gave us a reliable vehicle so that we do not have to rely on public transportation, which is scarce in our area of Thailand.

Our first Sunday here was remarkable. Our family, along with Katrina's parents, were given a hearty welcome by the people of Cha-Am Baptist Church. In the afternoon service time, Missionary Mike Leemon allowed me the opportunity to share with the people the reason why our family left America to come here to Thailand. The Leemons have encouraged our hearts and strengthened our hands to the work to be accomplished in this needy city. We have taken part in their outreach efforts on Fridays; attempted to help in their English classes they make available to the Thai people on Saturdays where they are given the chance to preach the Gospel to them during the lesson; and sought to be a help and encouragement each Lord's Day. Katrina and I have also been asked to minister each month during Sunday services; me in preaching once a month on Sunday morning, and Katrina playing the piano when needed. **We are so grateful for the Lord providing us with these ministry opportunities! We ask that you would please pray for us and the Leemons as we minister in this new work full of people who are very young in the faith or who are still lost sinners in need of Christ's forgiveness and reconciliation with the Father.** We are reminded that while the ministry is challenging, God is greater still. Just a few weeks after our arrival, the Leemons shared with us on a Saturday afternoon that **a student in the English class named Fun responded to the Gospel message wanting to accept Christ's gift of salvation! Please pray for her spiritual growth.**

In the midst of this blessed blur of ministry and home transitioning, we are grateful for the family time and memories made here. We are thankful for Katrina's parents coming over with us and helping watch the children, but it was also a blessing to experience these times with them. Before they flew back to the USA, **we celebrated Champion's sixth birthday together.** He had eagerly been waiting to have his birthday spent in Thailand, and I believe he had a great day! This week, **Katrina has started the school year for both Champion, who is starting first grade, and Emmitt, who is a kindergartner.** Lord willing, very soon **Katrina and I will begin attending language school with the desire of learning Thai. Please pray for all of us and our classroom experience/progression.**

We end this letter by thanking each of you for your faithful prayers and support. Many of you have given to help support our ministry, and we humbly thank you for your love shown in that way. We know even more of you are faithful to pray for us. **You prayed for our safety during deputation, for our support to be raised, and for the Lord to lead us to a specific language school here in Thailand. God has been faithful in answering every one of those requests!** Thank you for the impact you have had in this way.

In Christ,

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



Good day out hanging invitations for church

