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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

- Launching of midweek services
- Learn the Thai language
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for believers in Cha-Am
- Discipleship with Leo
- Laborers for God's Harvest

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We pray each of you have had an enjoyable summer full of the Lord's blessings. For many of you who are reading this, your temperatures will begin to drop this month as you enter a beautiful fall season. Over the next two months here in Thailand, our temperatures may drop in a small way with the change in weather, but not as significantly as we are used to in the States. **Please pray for us as September and October are the height of the rainy season in Thailand.** This is our first experience living here during this time of year, and there is no certainty to flooding estimations, as it can potentially rain every day for these next two months.

I fully realize that for many of you summer is a very busy time of ministry, and we have also had a busy schedule for the past two months. We have been in language school full-time since the beginning of July. We are thankful for the structure of a classroom/school setting, which also provides us with our visa; and we are onto our second book in the class starting this month. As our school only provides us with a few hours of learning every week, much of our learning is done at home; by either reviewing our school books or watching classes online. **Please pray for us to be disciplined in this matter, and even with busy schedules, to make this time of learning a priority.** In our last letter, I shared how we would be launching midweek services here in Cha-Am on Wednesday nights. Thank you for praying over this with us. While there will inevitably be lessons learned and growing pains when beginning something new, I believe the Lord has blessed our efforts in feasting on His Word together on these evenings. **We have a group of around 10 who faithfully attend every Wednesday night, not including my family and the Thai family leading the services.** I have taken this opportunity to do a verse-by-verse Bible study of the Book of James, with the theme of *Marks of a Mature Christian*. **Our goal is to teach and make disciples of those who profess Jesus as Savior.** An additional blessing that we were able to be a part of in August was church camp. **My family and I were asked to help with not only our church's camp, but also with a church in Sriracha, which is about 4 hours from Cha-Am. We were honored to be a part and contribute to these camps. The theme for the camps was *Enter into His Rest*, taken from Hebrews 4:11.** I was asked to bring a few messages on this subject, and it was a special blessing for me to do so. **During this time of camp, we witnessed a total of 5 Thai individuals (three dear ladies in Cha-Am; one man and one woman in Sriracha) follow the Lord in believer's baptism.** Please pray for their spiritual growth and walk with the Lord. We also had a special guest attend our camp here in Cha-Am. His name is Game, and he has a daughter named Gamsai. They have been attending our English class on Saturday morning this summer, and we were very happy to have them with us during camp. Since then, he and his daughter have been with us for Sunday afternoon services, when the children have ukulele lessons and the adults have what we would consider a Sunday school type of class. He seems very interested in the things of God and is full of questions. **Please pray for him and his daughter to have soft hearts towards the Gospel and that the Lord will give us wisdom as we minister to them.**

Our family is doing well here in Thailand. The Lord has truly established us here with a place we can call home. Our children went through a difficult week of flu symptoms in late August, but we praise the Lord we are able to find and purchase the antibiotics they needed to improve. They are doing much better now. This summer, we began dog-sitting for another missionary family in Thailand while they are away on furlough for the remainder of the year. Our children have truly enjoyed this time with a pet and have learned some extra responsibilities along with this experience. Thank you again for your support in prayer. Many of you also support us financially, and we truly are grateful for your faithful giving. We are honored to partner with you in carrying out the Gospel to a lost and dying world.

In Christ,

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