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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

- Learn the Thai language
- Eternal fruit from our English class ministry
- Need of a new Visa soon
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for believers in Cha-Am
- Laborers for God's Harvest

Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

We would like to begin this letter by expressing our humble appreciation for many of you who have not only been faithful in supporting us in prayer but have coupled that with your consistent care for our family in your sacrificial giving. **As a result of both your prayers and giving through your local church's missions program, we have been able to serve the Lord in Thailand now for two years.** Our prayer and a major purpose of why we provide these letter updates is that you might have cause to rejoice in fruit being added to your eternal account as you support missions world-wide.

Our family is doing very well here in Thailand with our children growing very quickly, especially our baby girl Hadassah. She has already eaten rice given to her by the Thai women in our church, so she is anxious to work her way up to more Thai dishes. Autumn and Champion both celebrated birthdays these past two months, with Autumn turning 3 and Champion turning 8. Autumn's birthday falls on the same weekend as Children's Day, a national holiday in Thailand, and she was spoiled with many different activities put on in the community with bounce houses, balloons, and more. Champion celebrated his birthday with Topgolf and laser tag, two of his favorite activities. For Valentines Day, Katrina and I were given the opportunity for a date night without the kids, thanks to a single, female missionary nearby who offered to watch the children for us. This was such a blessing as we spent a few hours walking through the many booths and vendors of the city's night market.

In January, we welcomed back our ministry partners, Mike and Panan Leemon, as they had been away on a short furlough. Their presence over these past two months has been a great encouragement to us and the church at large. With their help on the ministry side of things, Katrina and I have been able to dedicate more time to our language learning than before. This studying of the language includes both common conversation among Thais and phrases or words you may rarely hear except in a church. We have been helped by our Thai brothers and sisters as we work each month to quote the church's memory verse in Thai. Also, for a few hours each week, I have personally been able to sit down with a few Thai speakers as they help me with my Thai. This is a very humbling, but necessary exercise. Please continue to pray for us in our efforts to become more fluent in the language. It is our constant goal to one day no longer rely on a translator for our preaching/teaching and other communications with the Thai people. **We desire to grow in our language learning, where we can cultivate relationships and advance opportunities for the Gospel to be preached.**

These past two years in Thailand, we have been able to remain in the country on an education visa as we attend language school. This June, our current visa expires, and Thailand offers no more than two years of the education visa. We have a couple options we ask you to please join us in prayer. One visa, which we are considering, can be used for medical reasons of any kind. The other visa is what is considered a missionary visa. A number of openings have apparently been provided recently, and we are doing everything we can to enter our application to be considered. **Please pray as I visit tomorrow (March 6th) with those on the board of a religious organization here in Thailand responsible for handling missionary visas. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done in possibly providing us with this visa before our current education visa expires.**

In addition to asking for prayers for our language learning and visa needs, please keep in prayer those of Cha-Am Baptist Church. Satan is constantly opposing the work God is seeking to accomplish. We know this is true both where you serve as well as here in Thailand. Please pray God would keep our hearts tender as we minister to the souls He leads our way.

In Christ,

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