

Fosters On A Mission

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Greetings Dear Friends,

We thank you for sharing in our journey. We cannot express how much we appreciate all of your continued prayers and support as we follow God's calling in our lives.

Ministry Update

The same day that restaurants were opened in the Seattle area, David had the opportunity to share the gospel with Matthew, a waiter, who had concern over the despair, shame, and grief the last year has brought upon his friends. Matthew's interest in silent meditation led to a discussion of who he is trying to listen to.

Psalm 50:15 "And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

Please pray for Matthew to seek God and not to lean on his own understanding.

The good news and Great Commission does not stop for COVID or any other world event.

David traveled to Idaho and western Washington for a couple of pastor's retreats as well as meeting with pastors to discuss missions efforts in their churches. Several pastors asked for us to visit their churches, so we look forward to the schedule that God puts before us. The pastor retreats were a wonderful time of refreshing prayer and focus.

Thank you (Khaawp Khun, in Thai) to Baker Creek Bible Church for giving time for David to share an update and fellowship with one of our supporting churches. The work-day on Saturday was an unexpected blessing as well, being able to take part in the ministry of their church.

Andre, a native of Cambodia, is an administrator and teacher at a Christian school in Phnom Penh.



Andrea, Sarah, David, and Karen

Andre has asked for prayer as they seek to find American English and Bible teachers to work at their school. Remote learning opportunities are not always viable in areas with little to no internet capability.

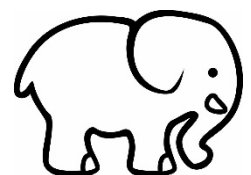
Praise for a successful surgery for Andrea's friend, Tina, who continues to recover, and for a positive outlook for her father's cancer issues. He will have surgery in late February.

Pray for the Serbian Orthodox Priest whom Dave has been communicating with. They are developing a friendship that is focused on glorifying God, and wish to discover why God has brought them together.

In Thailand and Cambodia, we continue to pray for our many friends who are struggling with the loss of income during the pandemic and its impact on tourism jobs. We know many families that rely on tourism income in order to put food on the table, and our hearts cry out in prayer for them.

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Jesus the Savior

In all stories, fiction and non-fiction, the 'lasting message' is the most important message that you are left with at the end. In Matthew chapters 24 & 25, the disciples asked Jesus about what the signs would be for his return. He presented them with a dismal picture of a world in turmoil. Then, in chapters 26 & 27, he dies on the cross. If this were the end of the story, we would be left with 'doom & gloom' for the lasting message. However, that is not the end of the story. This true story has the greatest twist there could ever be. In chapter 28 Jesus is raised from the dead. The lasting message is forever changed. Our punishment for sin was death, but God has given us the gift of eternal life. The end of the story, and the lasting message, is that Jesus paid the penalty for our sin and we need to tell others the good news. If we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, we may have eternal life in His name.

We ask our friends to read the following passages for a look at God's abundant power and amazing grace: Matthew chapters 24-28, and John chapter 20. If you do not have a Bible, you can google search each of these passages.

A Popular Thai Recipe

Pad Thai is a classic takeout Thai dish. Often mispronounced, Pad should sound like 'Pod'. In celebration of Food Day (isn't everyday food day?), here is a simple version of the classic Thai noodle dish recipe. Serves 3-4.

¾ lb boneless chicken thigh - small pieces		1-1/2 tbl soy sauce
For the Sauce:		
1/3 cup chicken stock	2 tbl fish sauce	1 tbl lime juice
3 tbl brown sugar	1 tbl soy sauce	1/8 tsp white pepper
3 tbl rice vinegar or white vinegar		
For the Dish:		
9 oz Pad Thai rice noodles	2 tbl vegetable oil	1 egg
1 fresh red chili – sliced	4 cloves garlic	2 cups bean sprouts
4 green onions – sliced	1 fresh lime – cut into wedges	
1 thumb-size piece galangal or ginger		

Place prepared chicken in a bowl and toss with 1 1/2 tablespoons soy sauce. Set aside. Combine pad Thai sauce ingredients together in a cup, set aside. Boil a large pot of water then drop in the rice noodles and turn off the heat. Let noodles soak for 6 minutes. Drain and rinse noodles briefly with cold water to keep from sticking, and set aside. In a wok or large pan over medium-high heat, add the oil, garlic, chili, galangal/ginger, and half of the green onion. Stir-fry for 1 minute. Add chicken and stir-fry 3 to 4 minutes, or until cooked. If pan becomes dry, add 1 to 2 tablespoons of the pad Thai sauce. Move ingredients to the side and crack the egg into the center of the pan. Stir quickly to scramble, then combine with other ingredients. Add prepared noodles plus 3 tablespoons of the pad Thai sauce. Stir-fry and combine with other ingredients, adding more of the sauce every minute, until all sauce has been added and the noodles are a little bit sticky (8 to 10 minutes). When sauce has been absorbed and noodles are cooked, fold in bean sprouts. Remove from heat and taste-test, adding more fish sauce until desired taste is achieved. Add chopped peanuts for a tasty garnish. Enjoy your Pad ('pod') Thai!

DID YOU KNOW?

Thailand is known as "The Land Of Smiles."

Thailand is the world's 51st largest country. At 198,117 square miles, it is larger than the state of California (163,695 sq. mi.).

The population of Thailand is 69 million, and California is 40 million.

Distance to Thailand from Los Angeles is 8,260 miles.

Thailand is located 15 degrees north of the equator.

Bangkok is the hottest city in the world, based on average yearly temperature.

Unlike westerners, Thais don't shake hands when they greet each other, instead they raise their hands in front of their face, palms together, this gesture is known as a wai.

The Thai alphabet has 32 vowels and 44 consonants.

Surnames have only been used in Thailand since 1909.

Manchester United is the favorite football (soccer) team in Thailand.

Everybody in Thailand loves Mr. Bean.

Most Thais believe in ghosts.

96% of Thais are Buddhist.