

Fosters On A Mission

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Greetings Dear Friends,

We are excited to share what God is doing, and we thank you for praying with us as you read through this update.

Ministry Update

One of the most difficult things for us to grasp on this journey is how to manage the transition away from regular, full-time employment toward faith based monthly support.

Dave's employer recently ended his job sooner than we expected and had planned, though it was on good terms and God is using it as a blessing.

Philippians 4:6 NKJV

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, let your requests be made known to God.

We have been able to use this time to complete some helpful training that we have not been able to schedule previously, giving us tools to help on the path toward reaching full monthly support so we can move to the mission field in Thailand. **Pray for this continuing transition, and both our personal financial needs and monthly support needs.**

Pray for Andre

On our first trip to Cambodia in 2014, we were blessed with meeting Andre, a young student with a heart for God and the people of his country. We immediately saw the potential for Andre to become an impactful spiritual leader and teacher to his community, and have been praying for opportunities for Andre to grow and be led to this calling.

Now, at age 23, Andre is a founder and administrator/teacher for Prince of Peace International School in Poi Pet. He is also seeking opportunities to start a new church plant.

He has been offered a chance to visit California in April to expand opportunities as an educator and spiritual leader to his country. **Pray that his travel visa request will be granted and for God to**



Andrea, David, Karen, and baby Sarah

continue to use Andre to help fill the great need for home grown spiritual leaders and pastors in Cambodia.

Continue to pray for the needs of the unreached people in Thailand who need the gospel message.

On page 2, we share our first cross-cultural mission trip experience, and how God continues to use it.

Support Status

God has been continuously meeting our immediate financial needs, while moving us ever closer to the month-to-month reliance on His provision.

We are now at about 30% of our monthly support need. **Pray for our financial support level to reach 50% by June 24th, which is required to enroll in the once-a-year Essential Missions Components class in July.**

Important Dates

April 14th-27th – Presenting our ministry to many churches and individuals in Southern California and Washington State.

April 21st-22nd – Possible opportunity to meet with Andre to multiply leaders in Cambodia

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A Step Towards Missions: Part Nine

A series during our pre-field development to explore and present the path towards our ministry as missionaries to Thailand.

David's parents were saved when he was 4 years-old. He was saved when he was 6. Andrea was saved when she was 8. It was confidence in her eternal security that helped Andrea through some very difficult times growing up. Though there was still much work to be done on our hearts spiritually, we grew up in predominantly safe, sheltered, and eternally secure environments. The people we are being called to minister to do not have this kind of security.

Many families are broken and in disarray. Large numbers of immigrant parents are imprisoned and separated from their children. The people of northeast Thailand are poverty-stricken, and are forced to find other methods of income when their land does not permit agricultural work. This vulnerability is exploited by child traffickers who convince parents to sell children for money as a way out of poverty. These children are promised steady employment that can aid their family's financial crisis and thus see it as a way to pay back their debt to their family.

In addition to the physical and social needs, the people of Northeast Thailand are in desperate need for eternal security. Less than half of one percent of these people consider themselves to be Christians. It is easy to see how a people that have such difficulty with healthy relationships are unable to perceive an eternal relationship with the one true God.

We can't just go to church week after week, experiencing the saving power of Jesus, abiding in His shelter of eternal security, and then keep all of it to ourselves.

One of the last instructions we have from Jesus is to go everywhere and share the gospel with everyone (Mark 16:15). We have a hope that 99.5% of these people in Northeast Thailand have never heard of. How can we not share with them the good news of the Gospel?

The three roles of The Great Commission are going, sending, and praying. Some are called to go, others to pray and support. How is God calling you to participate in The Great Commission?

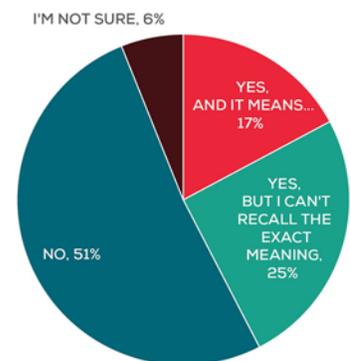
We ask our friends to read the following passages for an insight into our calling, but even more importantly, a look at God's abundant power and amazing grace: Genesis 49:22-24, Matthew 28:16-20, Mark 16:15, Matthew 9:37-38, Isaiah 6:8. If you do not have a Bible, you can google search each of these passages for easy access.

THE GREAT COMMISSION – MISSING THE MARK

The last message Jesus gave to us before leaving this earth was **The Great Commission**. We should be taking this message very seriously. The Barna research group found last year that 51% of churchgoers haven't heard of The Great Commission. Amongst evangelical Christians, only 60% have heard of The Great Commission and remember what it is.

CHURCHGOERS: HAVE YOU HEARD OF THE GREAT COMMISSION?

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How can we be evangelicals, identifying with evangelism, if we don't know what the word means?

Evangelism: *The commitment to or act of publicly preaching the Gospel, or 'good news,' with the intention of spreading the message and teachings of Jesus Christ.*

Matthew 28:18b-20 (NKJV)

"All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

Amen.