

Fosters On A Mission

April 2021

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.

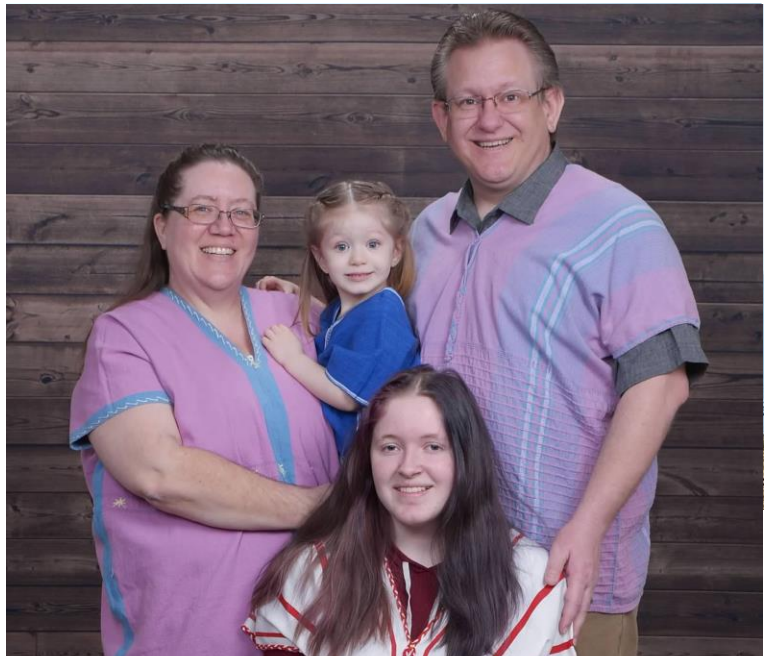
Ministry Update

We continue to learn lessons from John chapter 21 about casting our nets in another direction, and we know that it is not only impacting us now, but will be a useful, if not necessary skill when we are in cross-cultural ministry in Thailand. We have received a great response from churches in Florida in the last couple of months, and David will be speaking in eight churches in five weeks, with several other meetings scheduled. We have additionally been invited to speak at 3 missions conferences at later dates.

On the home front, our sending church has a new pastor, and a new enthusiasm that is an answer to many fervent prayers. While Pastor Tim is just a shepherd, his family is already fitting in nicely with our church family. A new approach by our entire staff in training our congregation to share the gospel is being devoured like Karen and David eat sushi. How can we not desire to share the good-news Gospel even more so by participating in The Great Commission?

While planning for the Florida trip, it has been easy to be distracted from the daily blessings that God has for us in life and ministry, but yesterday God cracked a blessing egg over our heads. He gave us a couple of new supporters, a pastor and his wife, that blessed us with a wonderful time of fellowship and encouragement, along with potential opportunities for even more support.

We have set a goal for David to speak in 20 different churches this year. Though we recognize that God is the orchestrator of our lives.



Andrea, Sarah, David, and Karen

Support

We are really starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel. We knew it was there, because God has called us to it. We know God will provide for the ministry He has called us to, because he is Jehovah-Jireh (the Lord will Provide).

We are now over 62% in support commitments, with about 40% actually coming in, and several churches prayerfully considering supporting our ministry as well.

The best support you can give us is to participate in our newsletter and partner with us in prayer. Also, **prayerfully ask God if he wants you to support us financially.** God will continue to call our financial partners, as he already has.

PRAYER CARDS

We have new prayer cards - a 4x6 reminder to pray for our ministry. Call, Email, or Text us to request one or to be put on our mailing list.

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Prayer

Pray for David's trip to Florida, April 14 – May 18. He will be speaking at multiple churches each week, and has numerous one-on-one meetings. Pray for health, safety, and God's provision for his needs and our ministry.

Continue to pray for Matthew, an unbeliever in Bellevue, to seek God and not to lean on his own understanding.

Andre in Cambodia continues to ask for prayer as they seek to find American English and Bible teachers to work at their school.

Pray for Stojanovic, the Serbian Orthodox Priest whom Dave has been communicating with. They are developing a friendship that is focused on glorifying God and reaching Buddhists with the Gospel.

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.

The Karen tribes and other peoples of Myanmar are again being forcibly driven out of their land and into Northern Thailand. Over 3,000 refugees entered Mae Hong Son in just two days. Pray for Pastor Prakhong and Pastor Don who have churches there that are being overwhelmed with opportunities and needs.

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. In 2018, the Barna Research Group found 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.

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.

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

We ask our friends to read Matthew chapter 9 for a look at God's abundant power and amazing grace. It shows His compassion for the lost and the need for more workers in his harvest field. If you do not have a Bible, you can google search this passage.

DID YOU KNOW?

Please pray for the youth in Thailand as you read on.

Over 85% of Christians were saved by the time they were 18 years old

About 95% of Thais will never meet a Christian

AWANA has youth programs in 18 pacific rim countries, none in Thailand

David was saved when he was 6 years old while attending a VBS youth program

Andrea was saved when she was 8 years old while attending a Good News youth program

Karen was saved when she was 4 years old after an AWANA club meeting

Combined, David and Andrea have over 30 years in AWANA as leaders

In AWANA, David earned both the Timothy and Meritorious awards, Andrea earned the Sparks award, and Karen earned the Timothy, Excellence, and Challenge awards

David once completed 26 sections of his AWANA handbook in one week. This included memorizing over 60 verses

Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.