

Fosters On A Mission

June 29, 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 could go on and on about what we accomplished over the last couple of months, but it is not about us. God has been doing a great work, as we follow His direction. Opportunities abounded to share our ministry, as well as share the gospel with several people. **We continue to ask for prayer for Reed, Bill, Tracy, and Tim, who each have difficult issues they are dealing with, but none of these issues are greater than their need for the Savior.** We were able to put each of them in touch with local churches.

Pulpit training for David has been quite the experience, as he spoke to at least one church every Sunday for nine straight weeks. We were able to make many connections with both churches and individuals that God has blessed us through, and we praise God for what he continues to do with these connections. We shared previously that our goal was for David to speak in 20 different churches this year, and we have already reached 17, by the grace of God.

We have been encouraging and praying for Andre, in Cambodia, who continues to have many opportunities to share the gospel as he also shares food with people who are starving in their COVID lockdowns. We know his desire is to see his people come to know God, and it moves us, and calls us to action.

New 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.



Andrea, Sarah, David, and Karen

Training

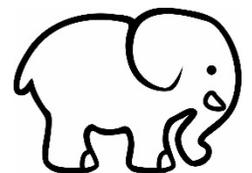
We have our plans set for the **Essential Missions Components (EMC)** training at ABWE headquarters in Pennsylvania, July 17-23. Association of Baptists for World Evangelism (ABWE) is our mission agency. The EMC training event even has programs for Karen and Sarah. **Pray for this to be transformative for each of us as God continues to prepare our family for the field.**

Support

We need to get to 100% monthly support (\$6,624) in order to move to Thailand. Praise God for \$360 in new support this month that includes one new church. 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.

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Our Testimonies

David

In 1976, during a vacation bible school program at our church, Paul Everett and his dummy Wally showed me that I was a sinner, and that only by accepting Jesus' payment for my sin would I be set free from a spiritual and eternal death and separation from God. I am blessed and most fortunate to have been set apart by God at the age of 6, to be spared the troubles that I would have surely faced in high school and college without the knowledge of what God sacrificed for me. This thought has driven me towards children's, youth, and young adult ministry for much of the last 20 years.

***We have both been baptized as a declaration of our faith before God and our church congregation**

Our Family and Ministry Background

Immediately after we were married in 1998, we sought out a local church near Irvine, California with an AWANA youth program, knowing then that it would be a great indicator of the doctrine and focus of the church. The next Sunday we discovered our new church home at Woodbridge Community Church, where we served as AWANA leaders while also serving on the AWANA missionary advisory board for the Southland area. While neither having, nor expecting any children of our own, we thrived on the enjoyment of teaching and working with children.

In 2007 we relocated to David's home town and became active members in the church he grew up in, at the First Baptist Church of Richland WA.

In 2004, we welcomed our first daughter, Karen. Since she was 6 years old, she has expressed a desire to be a missionary and to share the good news of salvation to children who do not know God. This verbal expression was instrumental in leading to the three of us joining a short-term missions trip to Thailand and Cambodia in 2014, where we knew immediately that God was planting a seed for missionary ministry.

In 2012, David was in New Haven, Connecticut for work training when the school shooting happened at Sandy Hook Elementary. David answered the Holy Spirit's call to "go", and soon found himself working with the Red Cross and first responders. This was a wakeup call to David that those things had and were going to change in his life. While David's employment has brought a greater focus on adult ministry opportunities, Andrea has continued to serve in AWANA, where Karen has begun to serve as well.

We returned to both Thailand and Cambodia in 2016. Andrea was ill during the trip, but we were both able to work with the Child and Family Prison Ministry orphanage (CFPM) in Chiang Rai and confirm with each other our passion for children and their need for the gospel. Oh, how God blesses us! We soon found out that Andrea's illness was at least partly due to her being pregnant with our second daughter.

Sarah was born in 2017.

We cannot count the many ways that God has blessed us, and how He has delivered us through difficult times. We have realized through it all, we have always been sheltered by the eternal security we have through Christ, and we have been surrounded by fellow believers. The people of Southeast Asia, however, are largely without hope. Barely 1% of the population consider themselves to be Christians. We have been called to reach out to these people with the gospel, and to encourage and support the ministries and local Christians there.

Andrea

I was saved while attending a Good News Club when I was 8 years old. I don't remember exactly what happened, but as I was growing up, I knew that I was saved. As a teenager, my eternal security was especially important to me as I went through a time of serious depression, even coming close to suicide. However, knowing that Christ was in me and that He loved me kept me alive and made it possible for me to be delivered from such a low point. I grew up without any spiritual growth or nurturing, but always knowing there was more that I needed. When my husband and I were married, our biggest commitment to each other was to make Christ the center of our marriage. It was during that time that I recommitted my life to Christ and began to learn what living for Him really means.