

Fosters On A Mission

September 2019

Greetings Dear Friends,

What began as “maybe we’ll be able to do our survey trip next year,” turned into “what an amazing 3-weeks we had exploring ministry opportunities in Thailand” simply because we asked God to take the reigns and make it happen **if He wanted to**.

Pray for Sam

During a brief panic over the health of our 2-year-old while she was half a world away, we were made aware of some friends that are facing much more difficult issues back home. Sam (12) was diagnosed with a brain tumor last month, and he has already had a few surgeries. **Pray for God’s intervention for Sam, his parents, his brother and sister, and the medical staff.** We recognize that they are being attacked with a sense of hopelessness and desperation. **Pray that everyone involved will know the everlasting hope that God provides.**

Ministry Update

An impossibility given to God in prayer becomes His opportunity to do what only He can.

We had a few bumps in the road before and during our survey trip this month, but God was sovereign and carried us through the rough times. Andrea’s emergency crown...fixed. Karen’s dislocated knee...a speed bump to slow her down. David’s gout attack...an actual blessing to have before the trip and not during. While we were in Thailand, Sarah’s cut eyelid and tear ducts...a distraction of worry for everyone but her. We’re telling you; God was sovereign in all of it. Within the comfort of God’s protective hand, we were able to focus on a deeper understanding of the different people-groups, their culture, the ministry needs, the opportunities, and some potential partnerships. We met with a small tribal village church to encourage them in their faith and pray for them. David preached the biblical message of hope to another congregation that included a young woman that is struggling to cope in a life without God. Andrea prayed with four women who want to be better spiritual leaders to their kids and village. We saw a great need for Christian Thai



Andrea, David, Karen, and Sarah

pastors and leaders to be trained and encouraged. This is only the tip of an iceberg of ministry needs and opportunities that we experienced.

On page 2 we will try to sum up a few specific events of the trip.

Support Status

With our summer of training and the survey trip behind us, David is looking to go back to work until our support level reaches a reasonable level. We continue to reach out to new churches and individuals for partnership opportunities. **Pray for patience as we have now seen the specific ministry needs of the people in Thailand and we are anxious to go, and pray for God to inspire more churches and individuals to share in our ministry.**

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.

Important Dates

October 2nd – First Baptist Church, Richland, WA

October 20th – Living Hope Baptist in Geneva, NY

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Ministry Stories

Five years ago, we met **Ma-Cha** (pictured right), a respected Christian elderly woman in her tiny and poor village of **Huay Pu Keng**. This time we had the opportunity to pray with Ma-Cha, who is nearing the end of her chemotherapy treatments for breast cancer and will soon find out the results of her treatments. While our focus was on her physical needs, her focus was on our ministry. She was so excited to hear about our passion to share the good news of Jesus with the people of Thailand, that she offered us gifts of support. If you only knew how little Ma-Cha has, you would understand how humbled we were by the heart behind the gift of "the widow's mite."



Pastor Prakong and his wife are ministering to Ma-Cha's village and are moving into a very humble home there in **Huay Pu Keng**. With barely three walls and a leaking roof, no running water, and an outdoor kitchen, we are beginning to understand that our idea of sacrificing for ministry barely scratches the surface of what others are doing for God.

In **Mae Hong Son**, David was asked to pray for **Boonton**, who just started a new job and who's daughter is not walking with God. David then preached a message of hope about the "living water."

In the mountain village of **Mae Ta Maew**, **Abea** (far left) prepared a small feast for us that included a **wild boar** she had killed the night before. Along with Philopena Missionary Mai Mai and Thai Pastor Dol, we sat around the feast table to share in the praises of God's many blessings and pray for each other, including for the village's farms, as they have had recent struggles with insects and poor weather. Pray also for the women in this village that desire to be better spiritual leaders to their village and families.



In Sawang Daen Din, where we plan to move, we ate the local foods, we shopped at the markets, we studied the culture of the people, we saw the ministry needs and opportunities, and heard many great success stories from fellow missionaries Don & Gail Craft. David got his feet wet by power spraying mold off of a sports court that will be used as a tool for youth ministry.

Our daughter Sarah is fine, she had surgery to repair her tear duct & eyelid and is healing well. She did cut her eyelid again in almost the same place after we got back home, but a second visit to the ER showed that it was a minor cut this time. Thank you for your prayers.