

Fosters On A Mission

December 2020

Greetings Dear Friends,

Through our many struggles and blessings over the last year, 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

In Matthew 28, God calls us all to The Great Commission (sharing the good news). When a governor says you cannot have people outside your home visit you, nor can you visit other people in their home, and to reduce any interaction outside of your home, ministry becomes difficult.

The early church secretly met underground in the catacombs (tombs) when they were restricted from meeting by the government. The good news and Great Commission does not stop for COVID. We have been careful not to over-react to our politicians stepping on our toes and individual liberties, despite the frustration and inconvenience. The Bible says to give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's. However, we must not allow Caesar to take from God, and Andrea and I have refused to, and will refuse to let our government stop our ministry in sharing the gospel.

In addition to one-on-one discipling, we have been having three regular meetings in our home with small groups. We also had a fantastic prayer and fellowship time on election night last month.

Please pray for Tina who discovered in the span of a day that her father has cancer and she needs to undergo surgery for her own health issues. She and her husband continue to trust God during this difficult time. Praise God for providing a miracle for the unsaved family we have been working with to find a home. Pray for



Andrea, Sarah, David, and Karen

the two couples who have come to us seeking guidance as they hear God calling them into mission ministry. Pray for the three Pastors that we have met with who are seeking new leaders in their church. And continue to pray for the growing number of men who are meeting with David and seeking to understand God's will in their life.

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.

Important Dates

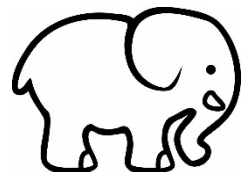
December 25th – A Savior Is Born!

December 31st – David's Birthday

We are anxiously waiting to reschedule churches as travel and worship restrictions are eased. God is sovereign, and His timing is perfect. We praise him for everything.

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Support Status and Urgency

While we have had an increase in verbal commitments from individuals and churches this year, our actual support coming in has decreased a small amount. If the churches that have already committed verbally to supporting our ministry were to start their support, we would be close to 60% of our needed support. Add in individuals and we could be close to 75%. This is the time of the year that all missionaries usually see an increase in their support requirement adjusted for cost increases (often insurance based, but also general cost of living increases). As the cost of living goes up, please consider how you might increase your giving to any ministry that you support.

God has provided for our family without an income since February of 2019. We are dependent on God's provision as He leads His people to pray and give financially. Though we have not had the support level needed to provide any income, we have indeed been in full-time ministry during this time as we have shared with you. More financial support means more opportunities to travel and speak with churches. **Pray for peace as we have 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 participate in our ministry at home and in Thailand.**

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

2020, What To Do Next?

This year has been an unrelenting road block to life and ministry. So, what do we do next?

In John chapter 21, the disciples went fishing but that night they caught nothing. In the morning, Jesus called out to them to throw their nets on the right side of the boat and they would find some. When they did this, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish. 153 of them!

I believe this event is also symbolic of the disciples being called earlier to be fishers of men. Sometimes in life and ministry things might not be working quite right. Just like the year 2020 has been 'not quite right' and at times has been nearly debilitating. In the same way Jesus told the disciples to throw their nets on the other side of the boat, I believe we need to cast our lives and ministry 'nets' in another direction.

Andrea and I have been regularly assessing where God wants us to 'cast our nets.' This has led to many ministry opportunities in the last couple of months that we would not have had otherwise. Even opportunities to work with other churches in ministry.

In order to avoid any personal conviction, I must also share that John chapter 21 holds an amazing account of Peter's reinstatement and forgiveness after his denial of Jesus at the crucifixion. So, I have added it to the reading below. This is not a side note, but rather me telling you in a brief paragraph that this reinstatement of Peter is paramount to me understanding God's ability to call me to full-time ministry.

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: John 18:15-18, 25-27, and John chapter 21. If you do not have a Bible, you can google search each of these passages for easy access.