

Fosters On A Mission

June 2018

Greetings Dear Friends,

Summer is here. And while we will certainly enjoy all the blessing that summer brings, there is much work to be done. All four of us will be taking two big trips in five weeks, and we are starting to schedule some church presentations as well.

Ministry Update

While raising prayer and financial support, it has been such a blessing to not only seek prayer and support, but to offer prayer and support to others. While we seek to have at least one hundred people praying for us on a regular basis, to be able to pray for each of them in turn is a perfect expression of the body of believers. Each part of the body working in harmony to strengthen each other and ultimately bring honor to God in doing so.

While all of you are praying for our ministry and support needs, we are praying for you. In prayer, we lift up those family members who are not saved or who are struggling with sin. We cry out for those who have lost loved ones or are dealing with serious health issues with friends and family members. We rejoice with those who have recently finished school or have retired from work. And we praise God for a season of hope in restored relationships.

1 John 5:14-15 – Now this is the confidence we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

Support Status

In our first month, we have surpassed 11% of our monthly financial support goal needed before we leave for the field. This is beyond our expectations, but precisely how God works. Several more couples and individuals have verbally committed to support us financially and are prayerfully considering what amounts to give.



Andrea, David, Karen, and our newest addition, Sarah

The best support you can give us is to participate in our newsletter and partner with us in prayer for our needs. God will call our financial partners.

Prayer Requests

Please pray for our immediate financial support needs. We still need about \$900 to cover expenses for our required July missions training trip. Additionally, David has to use a week of unpaid time off from work during this time.

Pray for the churches we are working with, that scheduling and conflicts will not get in the way of opportunities to build relationships and share the love of God and our calling to missions ministry in Thailand.

Important Dates

July 14th-15th - Attending the ABWE Good Soil Training in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

July 16th - Our Commissioning Ceremony at ABWE

July 16th-21st - Attending the ABWE Missionary Enrichment Conference in Tysons Corner, Virginia.

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A Step Towards Missions: Part Two

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

My passion for working in youth ministry was instilled in me by my father. More accurately, it was by both my spiritual father, God, and by my earthly father, Ed Foster. Dad's commitment to working in the AWANA youth program at our church was a very big part of our family identity growing up.

AWANA, an acronym for Approved Workman Are Not Ashamed, was designed to be a Bible-based evangelism and discipleship program that would give children the opportunity to know, love and serve Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:15 - Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Dad served as the program director at our church for many years while also serving and supporting the Northwest AWANA missionary. It was during this time that I would often travel around the northwest on weekends with my dad to help him with events. Growing up in the AWANA program, I memorized hundreds of Bible verses, and was taught how to understand God's word and apply it to my life. And dad was a great example to me of how to put 2 Timothy 2:15 into practice.

When Andrea and I were married in 1998, we immediately looked for a church that would be instrumental in helping us put God first in our marriage. I turned to the yellow pages to find a church with AWANA, knowing that it would be a great indicator of their doctrinal stance, as well as their focus on youth programs. We found our new church home on that very first Sunday, and served as leaders in the AWANA JV program, and soon afterwards we started serving on the advisory board for the Southern California AWANA missionaries supporting them and helping with several events.

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

When dad was still pretty young, his father left the family. I cannot understand what it was like to grow up with such a bad example for a father, but I will always know and appreciate what my dad did in breaking with his father's precedent. It would have been great if my dad had chosen to put family first, but he did one better. My father chose our heavenly father to be his example. To be diligent to present himself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, and who accurately teaches the Bible.

It was never a conscious thought to follow in my father's footsteps, but dad was the example for me that I needed, and I appreciate that even more as time passes. May Christ be our example, my friends. Happy Father's Day, Dad.

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: Romans 1:16-17, Romans 3:9-26. If you do not have a Bible, you can google search each of these passages for easy access.

DID YOU KNOW?

While we have not yet committed to specific ministries in Thailand, we do recognize the importance of youth programs and our skills and abilities with them. Please pray for the youth in Thailand while 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 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 served over 25 years in AWANA as leaders and staff

David earned both the Timothy and Meritorious awards in the AWANA program

Karen has earned the Timothy, Excellence, and Challenge awards in the AWANA program

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