

Killions In the Kingdom

*"They who had no news
of Him shall see,
And those who have not
heard will understand."
- Romans 15:21*

Dear Friends,

August 2016

In his letter to the church in Colossae Paul wrote, "Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well, that God will open up to us a door for the word, so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ, for which I have also been imprisoned; that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak. Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person" (Colossians 4:2-6, NASB). As I think back over the past several months, those verses come to mind. The Lord has certainly been opening doors for us to proclaim His word and by His grace, we have been making the most of the opportunities we have been given.



Our family at the 3rd SEACC in Siem Reap, Cambodia

In February Grace Church (Khristajak Prakhun) celebrated its two-year anniversary. Over the past two and half years we've had many wonderful opportunities to befriend, encourage, and teach various members of this small gathering. Our goal is always to proclaim the truth of God's word in order to help them grow in their newfound relationship with Jesus Christ. Sunday morning worship services and two evening Bible studies provide us with much time to do this throughout the week. At the newer of the two Bible studies, we often tell and discuss Bible

stories which are completely new for some people who attend. Can you imagine being 50+ years old and never before hearing the stories of Adam and Eve or Noah and the ark? Please pray with us that these dear friends will trust in Christ and be firmly established in the truth of God's word.

Another door more recently opened up to us in the village of Khilek Luang, a community located about 30 minutes from where Grace Church meets. Allen Radtke, a Christian from the United States, and his wife Mareewan, a Thai believer, attend Grace Church and live in Khilek Luang. In fact, Mareewan grew up in that village and the two of them have been serving there together since they were married five years ago, all the while praying that one day a church could be started in that place. Aside from Allen and Mareewan, there are only a handful of Christians in the community. In March my family began partnering with the Radtkes and started House of Grace (Baan Prakhun), an outreach ministry that meets for a couple hours every Sunday afternoon in the Radtke's home. Several children attend this meeting each week so we are conducting a youth program which includes games, singing, telling Bible stories, and eating a meal together. Following these meetings, we typically visit people in the community with the goal of building friendships and sharing the gospel. In addition to leading these weekly activities, we also held a large outreach event at the beginning of June for the entire village. Although we were forced to change our meeting location at the last minute, we praise the Lord that there were still over 50 people who attended this event and heard the gospel. In addition to singing and giving out door prizes, we showed a Thai movie that told the story of a local farming family and their journey to faith in Christ. Please pray for the children and families who are being reached through House of Grace. Pray they will respond to the gospel and believe in Christ. Most people in Khilek Luang have very little knowledge of the Bible and so everything we're sharing is quite new to them. Also, please pray for Allen and Mareewan as they carry on this ministry alone after we go on home assignment this month.



Singing with children from House of Grace at the June outreach

At the end of May our family attended the 3rd Southeast Asia Grace Conference (SEAGC) in Siem Reap, Cambodia. It was a unique time to meet with other believers, including fellow TCM missionaries, national, and local church leaders. Over 160 people from 11 countries spent several days exploring the theme *When Mission Gets Real: SENT* in effort to encourage and pray for one another, worship together, and develop ideas for the future ministry of TCM in Southeast Asia. In 2018 the 4th SEAGC will be held in Chiang Mai, Thailand! Please pray as we help plan for this important event.

Following the SEAGC we had the honor of hosting the 13 member Asia Adventure team with people from the U.S. and England. Led by Jessica's parents, Tim and Judy Heath, this group first visited Malaysia and Cambodia, where they attended the SEAGC, before arriving in



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Thailand. For five days we helped guide this team on several outings and ministry events, exposing them to both Thai culture and the ministries of TCM Thailand. It was encouraging for us and a great opportunity for them to see the different ministries first hand.

We'll be leaving Thailand for home assignment this month. We will travel to the States on August 11th and plan to stay for about 11 months. It's been over 3 years since we were last in the U.S. and so we're very thankful for the opportunity to visit and share with churches and ministry partners as well as spend time with family. Our children will homeschool via an online program which will give us some flexibility to travel as a family. At the same time, our plan is for Jessica and the children to remain more stationary while I (Nathan) do more of the traveling and sharing. Please pray for our family during this time of transition to life in the U.S.

Thank you for praying for us and taking part in the ministry here in Thailand. We are so grateful for you and trust the will Lord encourage you in your walk with Him.

In Christ's love,
Nathan, Jessica, Matthias, Abigail, and Chloe