

THE FILES FAMILY MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

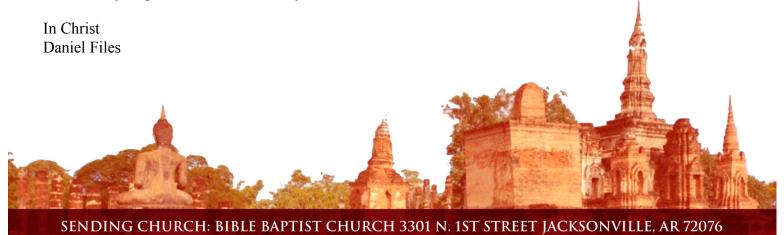
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We hope that you all had a merry Christmas and a wonderful time celebrating the birth of our Saviour. We enjoyed being home with our family and our home church. As I am writing this letter, I am reflecting back on this last year. It has been a crazy and difficult year for sure. However, through it all, God has been good to us. He has shown himself faithful time and time again.

The last two months, I had meetings in Oklahoma, Virginia, and Indiana. We praise the Lord for one more church partnering with us to reach Thailand with the gospel. We are still waiting to hear from a couple of more churches that expressed interest in doing so. We have just about made up for the support that we lost and are thankful for the Lord meeting that need before we return to Thailand. My son and I had the opportunity to help frame up the walls on a new church plant in Bryant, Arkansas last month.

My wife and son both had bouts with Covid 19 last month. Kaleb's was pretty mild and quick, but Lisa had a little harder time with it. They are both doing well now. We have been praying that Kristen would not get it because of her being high risk. So far she has not gotten it and we are thankful for that. All of her checkups the last two months have been good. All of her counts remain good. She is doing physical therapy right now to try and get some of her strength back and she is still on track to be able to go back to Thailand as soon as they open the borders.

We were hoping to be able to leave shortly after the first of the year to return to Thailand. Unfortunately, as of right now, they will not allow missionaries to get the visas that they need to stay long term. They did just open the country to tourist for short term trips, so they are heading in the right direction. We looked into going over as a tourist and hopefully being able to switch over to the visa that we need. After talking to some other missionaries there, we realized that it would be very expensive and may not even work so it would probably not be worth the risk. We are going to wait and see what the government decides to do after the first of the year. Please pray for Thailand to open back up as normal and for us as we try to determine the best way to get back into the country.



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