

the FILES

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

November-December 2017

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. We have settled into our new home here in Thailand and everything is going very well. We are attending and helping to minister at Grace Baptist Church in Bangkok. They have made us feel very welcomed and we have fit right in. I started a new Sunday school class for our English speaking children. It was difficult for them to be excited about church the first couple of weeks when they could not understand anything that was going on. It has been good for them, as well as me. I get to teach the Bible and feel like I have a part while learning the language. I was also given the opportunity to preach the last Sunday of the year. With the help of a translator, we were able to encourage the people with the thought that this could be the year that the Lord comes back. He has entrusted us with a sacred trust, and we need to be busy sharing the gospel with everyone that we can while there is time.

In November, we had to travel to Chiang Mai in the north to do some visa work. While there, we were invited to spend Thanksgiving with several other missionary families. It was a huge blessing to meet and fellowship with other families that have the same desires that we do here in Thailand. It was also good just to ask questions and learn from others who have done and are doing what we want to in the future.

In December, we were able to help host a missionary kid Christmas retreat at our house. I think we had around 18 boys that stayed in our house with about the same amount of girls staying in the Cone's house down the street. We had a great time of fun and fellowship with them. Our kids made a lot of new friends and cannot wait to get to see them all again at camp this summer. They were encouraged to enjoy the awesome opportunity that they have to live in another country and to get involved in ministering and making an impact while they are here. Our church has an English ministry on Saturdays. They teach free English classes and then teach the Bible. A couple of weeks ago there were around 100 people that showed up for the Christmas party and play. Many of them heard the gospel for the first time that day. Pray that many souls will be saved this year from that ministry.

We have been studying the language with a tutor at our house the last two months. We have made a little progress but are excited to start our full time classes this week. Please pray that God will give us the ability to learn this language.

In Christ,
Daniel Files and family.



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