

# *the* FILES

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporting Churches,

August-September 2018

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. I'm so glad that I'm a part of the family of God. These last few months we have been told countless times by many people that we don't even know, that they are praying for Kristen. People from other countries, all over the world have reached out by telephone, email, and cards to offer encouragement and let us know that they are praying. I can't imagine how people that are not part of God's family can make it through times like this. God has been faithful to us and been our Rock and our Shelter in the time of storm.

Kristen had a bone marrow biopsy on September 17<sup>th</sup>. When she woke up, she had severe pain in her hip and leg. She has had several biopsies since we found out about her Leukemia and none of them ever resulted in a lot of pain. Two days later she was still in a lot of pain and she had a skin infection around the area where they entered for the biopsy, so she had to spend a few days at the hospital to get that under control. She is doing much better now. We got the results of the biopsy on September 24<sup>th</sup> and the results were great! There are no leukemia cells present in her blood or bone marrow and all of the blood is being produced by the donor's bone marrow. We are so thankful for this answered prayer, however there is another complication that she is having. Because of all the treatment Kristen has received, she has developed Transplant Associated Microangiopathy. Basically, her blood vessels have been damaged and are destroying her red blood cells. Her liver is not producing enough haptoglobin to repair those vessels and can eventually cause kidney failure if not corrected. Please pray specifically for her haptoglobin levels to rise in the near future.

We have had several opportunities to present our burden for the country of Thailand and to preach the last two months around the Houston area. A few of those churches expressed interest in supporting our ministry in Thailand so we are very thankful for those opportunities. The doctor is clearing us to go home for a week so we are looking forward to seeing our other two children. Please pray for them as they are trying to navigate the school year without us there to help them. We miss them a lot and cannot wait until we can all be together again as a family.

Again, we would like to thank you for every card, note, and gift that has been sent to encourage and help us. Some days are discouraging and it seems like every time the devil tries to get us down, encouragement will show up in the mail.

In Christ,  
Daniel Files and family.



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