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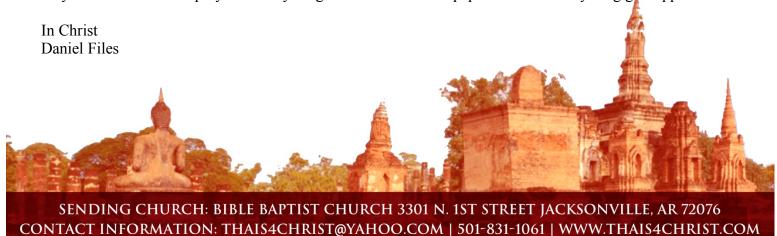
Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

January-February 2021

We have been doing a lot of research trying to figure out how to get back into Thailand and be able to stay longer than just a few months. Praise the Lord we think we have got it figured out. We are going to go in on a tourist visa which is basically good for two months. We will have to quarantine in an ASQ approved hotel once we arrive in Thailand. They will meet us at the airport and escort us to our hotel. You have to quarantine in your hotel room for 15 nights. Some will allow you to go outside in a designated area for about an hour a day after your first Covid test comes back negative. After the 15 nights and three negative Covid tests, they will allow us to leave and go to our house. As of right now, our plan is to switch over to an Education Visa through our language school. We just spoke with them a few days ago and last week they were able to get a U.S. citizen a visa approved. We can extend that visa several times and that will allow us to stay in the country for one year. During that time, hopefully things will go back to normal and we will be able to switch over to our regular volunteer or missionary visa. We have to purchase our plane tickets before we can apply for the visa so we will be purchasing those this week. We have contacted our travel agent and they are working on the best flight options for us. As soon as we purchase those tickets, we will begin applying with the Thai embassy for our visas and certificate of entry. There is a whole lot of paperwork and hoops to jump through to get everything approved, but we think we have a good plan to get it all done.

Kristen is still doing great. All of her doctor visits have been yielding good reports. Her oncologist has been in contact with the doctor in Thailand that will continue her care to update him on her situation. The doctor in Thailand is confident that he can continue whatever care she may need there. Her primary doctor has ordered her last immunizations that she needs for Thailand and she should be getting those in the next couple of weeks.

We have been able to travel to several supporting churches and give updates and preach the last couple of months. I was also given an opportunity to fill in for a church that is without a pastor. We had a blizzard in our area this past month that made traveling interesting. Kristen had been praying that she would get to see some snow before we leave and God certainly answered her prayer. We got over 10 inches and that doesn't happen very often here. Please pray that everything works out with our paperwork and everything gets approved.



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