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“And how can they believe in the One of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? *And how can anyone preach unless they are sent.*”
Romans 10:14-15

Hello Ministry Partner,

As 2nd year college student, Neil was walking alone on the campus feeling discouraged and lost. HJ, a new engineer in the area, was also walking on the campus looking for someone to encourage and invest in. They met and became friends. I'm wondering if HJ knew back then that this discouraged 2nd year college student would become a missionary surgeon serving in Thailand impacting Thai people who had never heard the gospel! Thank you HJ (and family) for investing in and journeying with Neil (and our family) for over 50 years.

YOU also, have been investing and journeying with us through prayer and financial support. THANK YOU.

Neil & I were able to make a very brief visit to the east coast recently. We are thankful that we could visit some of you. Hopefully we will have the strength to do that again sometime soon.

Ministry Updates

Serve Asia (SA)

Continuing the “Investing and Journeying” theme, let me tell you about BL. I first met him and his team during our Pre-Field Training in summer 2010. BL was a Mission Mentor leading a team of 9 to Thailand, reaching out to poor communities in Bangkok. At the end of the trip, instead of the usual 1-hour debriefing, I spent 3 hours with him. After that our Follow-up Team met with him beyond the required 6 months. Even though he graduated with a business degree, he became a youth pastor. Our SA team kept investing and journeying with him.

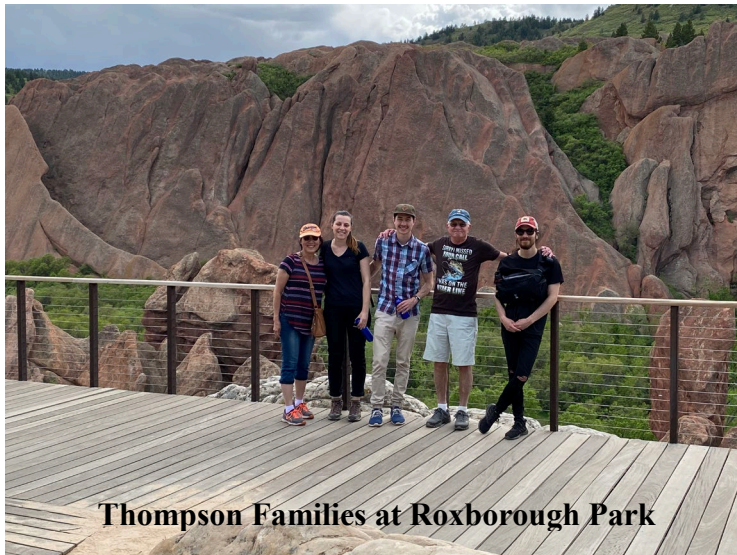
In 2015, BL joined our SA team and became one of SA Follow-Up team members because he believes in what SA does. Currently BL is our OMF Advocacy Director, leading Advocacy team representing OMF at different colleges and mission events.

Thank you for praying for the “Missions & Singleness” webinar; it went well, even beyond our expectations. We had over 120 registered and 67 showed up for the webinar. Some of those registered already informed us that they wouldn't be able to make it due to timing but wanted to watch the recordings. Attendees were not only from US but also from Canada, UK, Australia, Chile, Taiwan, Malaysia and Philippines. (One of the advantages of virtual over live events!)

As a Discipleship Program, we don't want to do a webinar and then that's it. We want to journey with people. We told the attendees that there will be Singleness Discussion Group as a follow-up. I expected not more than 5 to sign up for this. PTL there are 28 people who signed up from US, UK, Canada, Philippines & Malaysia. I have 4 Facilitators from US & Canada to lead these discussion groups. Please pray for 1 more facilitator to lead discussion group for those from the Philippines and Malaysia.

My team is also getting ready for another webinar "Missions and Suffering" (Details below). Please pray for all logistic details and follow up plans.

Family Update



Thompson Families at Roxborough Park

We received a phone call from Nate about a month ago while he was in NJ visiting family. He told us that he didn't feel well: headache, cough and very tired. While we were hoping it might be a cold or flu, he tested positive for Covid, thereby putting off his return flight back home. It was a miserable time for him, especially exaggerating a side-effect of his medications and his other issues. Eventually, I flew out to support him. After a week of Asian meals, he was almost as good as new! Nate is fully recovered from Covid and edging back to his normal self. THANK YOU NJ family for looking after Nate when he was sick.

Please continue to pray for Nate. While he is still unemployed, he is now actively looking for an engineering job.

Kevin & Ioana (pronounced "Yo-ah-na") flew in 2 weeks ago, mainly for Kevin to get his Covid shots. Ioana has already returned to Germany. Kevin will fly back later on this month after his 2nd shot. THANK YOU for praying for our family.

Blessings,

Wannee—Neil, Nathan, Kevin & Ioana

Serve Asia Webinar: Missions and Suffering – June 10 (7:00pm Mountain)

Whether you serve God overseas or at home, you will experience suffering...and so will your neighbors. How can we walk through suffering well? In what ways does suffering point us to Christ and help us lead others to him?

Will Brooks, veteran missionary to Thailand, will guide our discussion of suffering with a theology of hope.

Register: <http://go.omf.org/suffering>

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