



THE FILES FAMILY

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

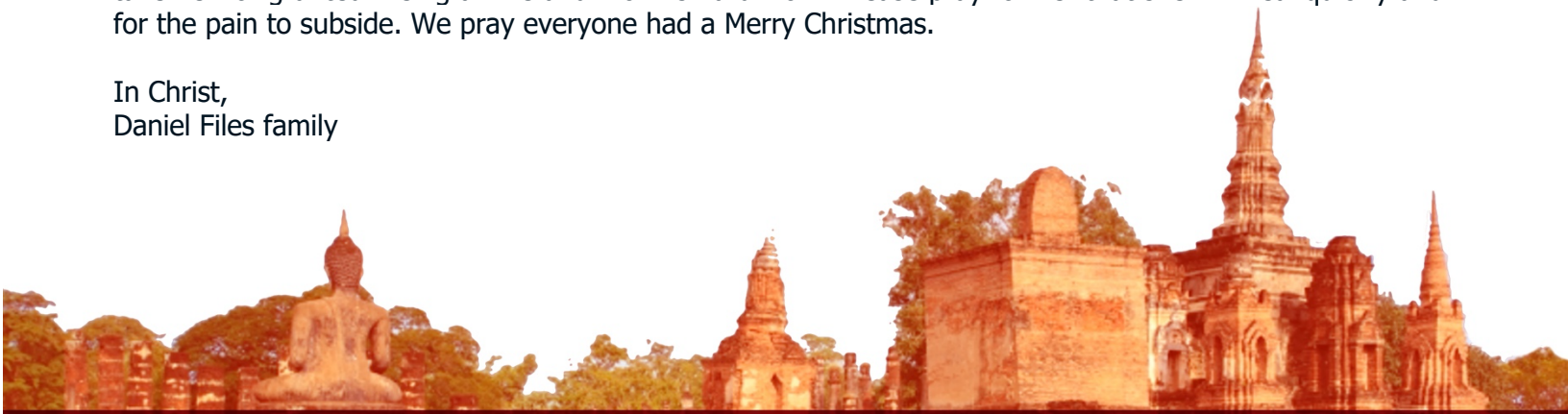
Dear friends, family, and supporting churches,

November-December 2022

The last couple of months have been busy and fruitful. In the month of November we had some special days at church. Thanksgiving weekend was Friend Day. We were talking to as many people as we could inviting them to come be our friend. It is a lot different here than inviting people to church in the U.S. Almost everyone there knows what a church is and what it is about. Here many times you have to explain to them what a church is and why we go. One day I met a young lady named Fern. She is studying in a University here in Bangkok. I asked her where she thought she would go if she were to die? She had no idea. In my very limited Thai language I tried the best I could to witness to her and she seemed genuinely interested in what I was saying. She would ask questions and I would try to answer the best I could. I invited her to come be our friend and she said she would come. I told her we would come pick her up Sunday morning and she could ride with us and she said she we would be ready. Honestly I was not expecting her to be there when we showed up, but she was there and ready to go. She listened intently to everything that was said and tried to sing along with the songs the best that she could. This was the first time she has ever stepped foot inside a church. I can't imagine what was going on in her mind. All she has ever known is an empty religion of temples and rituals that have never satisfied that longing in here soul. But now she sits in a church full of believers, singing and praising the living God and hearing the gospel. On the way, home I asked her what she thought and she said it was very interesting and she was thinking about changing her religion. She came back three more weeks and this past Sunday I preached on the greatest gift ever given. After church a sweet lady in our church talked with her for a while and answered some questions and Fern accepted that gift of eternal life. This past week we went Christmas caroling and Fern wanted to come. She likes brownies so we gave her a box of brownies and a Thai Bible. Please lift her up in prayer. She studies full time and works on the weekends, and her family is all Buddhist so there are many obstacles for her to remain faithful and grow in Christ. We had a great Christmas day service. Many visitors came and we had a great time of food and fellowship after the service.

Lisa had to have a rotator cuff surgery this past month. She is healing from that and doing good but has been in a considerable amount of pain. I had to be Mr. Mom for a while and quickly realized how much I take her for granted. Being a wife and mom is hard work! Please pray for her that she will heal quickly and for the pain to subside. We pray everyone had a Merry Christmas.

In Christ,
Daniel Files family



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