



Encouraging the church in Asia

Prayer & Praise

- Pray for our kids as they settle into a new school
- Pray for the church in Myanmar
- Pray for the upcoming Asia-Pacific Conference
- Join us in praising God for his continued provision for our ministry

A church holding tight to Jesus in the midst of struggles

At the start of September, I made a quick trip to Myanmar to meet up with some of the church leaders there. I was there to assist in project and relief work and to meet up with the director of Children of Promise, a Church of God child sponsorship program.

The trip was spent meeting with the church leaders and hearing about many of the ministries and challenges of the Church of God in Myanmar. During our discussions with pastors, they shared stories of the oppression of the military government and its effect on the people in the church. It has become hard for many of the churches to gather, and at times men in the church have been forcefully taken and placed into the military. They also shared that boys as young as 13 are being grabbed as well. If your husband or son is taken, it is often very hard to find out where they are, and you have to pay a lot of money to get them out.

The church also faces other challenges, such as food and medical shortages, which have also compounded the issues that they already face. They described how, in some cases, food prices have risen dramatically, like a bag of rice costing close to 10 times what it did only a few years ago. Even as they face all of these challenges, the church continues to reach out with the love and hope of Jesus. They have organized food distributions, tutoring programs for younger kids, and many other ministries to reach out in their communities. They have also committed to praying for their nation, with some churches having weekly prayer and fasting times to lift their nation before the Lord. This trip was encouraging for the local church and for us as well.

The Church of God in Yangon



Kids at an after-school program



Seeing God's Provision

As we have shared before, this last year was a challenge for our family in many ways, and finances were one of those ways. Many of you were incredibly generous and have financially partnered with us through pledges and one-time gifts. That helped us cover our initial budget and startup costs when we first moved here. As we began our life here in Thailand, we found that a few things were simply more expensive than we planned. This led to us having to raise our budget going into our 2nd year on the field. This meant that in January we found ourselves needing to raise more financial partners. We put out a call to the churches we are connected to and asked them to pray about raising their giving to help meet this need. As is so often the case, God showed up in huge ways. One church contacted us right away to let us know that they were going to double what they were giving, and those calls and emails just kept coming. When we sent out the letter to our partner churches, we needed to see around 15% of our budget come in to meet the raised budget total, and now, only a few months later, we are down to around 5% remaining. We also have several one-time gifts that have helped sustain our ministry. God has been so faithful. Please join us in prayer that God will continue to bring in the last 5% of the pledges we need for our annual budget to be fully covered.



Heading for Thailand at the end of a great summer



My first time at Anderson Campmeeting



First day of school



Hitting the road

Settling Back into Life in Asia

After a busy summer in Canada and the USA visiting partners, we are back home in Thailand. Our kids started at a new school this year. This is a Christian school, and we feel that this will be a much better fit for our kids in the long term. After a bumpy start, with lots of emotions, they are beginning to settle in. Next on the horizon is the Asia-Pacific Conference in October. We are hard at work preparing visa letters and other planning, and we are excited to host many leaders from across Asia here in Chiang Mai.

Become a Financial Partner

We are actively looking for more financial partners to come alongside us. Our heart is to see the Church of God in the Asia-Pacific region equipped to impact their communities with the gospel. We need partners like you to see that happen.

Will you partner with us and the church in Asia and the Pacific?

Scan the QR code or follow the link to sign up today.



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