

"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him.

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken. My salvation and my honor depend on God; he is my mighty rock, my refuge. Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge." - Psalm 62: 5-8



During Spring break our family was able to rest and play in the water at Juniper Tree in Hua Hin area because of a generous gift given to us.

This has been a very full and busy season of ministry and life with Ozz traveling to Chachoengsao a couple times and also visiting Chiang Rai a couple times and with me teaching at Grace International School, so we thank God for a time to rest as a family.

Grace International School

We thank God for providing a way for our boys to attend GIS. They are growing and thriving at GIS in many ways academically, socially and spiritually. We thank God for answering our prayers to provide for our boys' education. Teaching English 9 has been a challenge for me, but God has provided daily strength and support for which I thank Him! The last day of school for this year is May 24! Please pray for endurance and perseverance to finish this year well.





I thank God for the other highschool English teachers at GIS who have supported me and coached me allowing me to survive each day! This was the monthly birthday celebration to honor staff who have birthdays during March.

Praise God for partnership with Bethel MB Church



P' Kaew along with her son, Golf, came from Bethel MB Church in Chachoengsao to teach the church members from Rimkham Fellowship Church (in Chiang Mai area) how to prepare pork and sticky rice to sell in order to support their families and as they desire to serve God in their neighborhoods.

We thank God for this partnership and learning together! Please pray for God's guidance in finding a strategic place to sell the pork.



Praying for Ozz's dad, Jaising



As of mid April, Ozz's dad, Jaising, has been diagnosed with Stage 4 Adrenal Gland Cancer. We visited him at his home in Pitsonalok on April 20 (Eijah's 12th birthday). On May 10 he entered ICU and they are monitoring him, deciding if they could do surgery to help releave some of the discomfort of the growing cancer pushing on his internal organs. Tomorrow (May 11) Ozz and Elijah plan to drive 5 hours to Pitsonalok to visit him. Please pray for a safe trip and that they can speak hope and love to Ozz's dad and other family members. In the picture above we are praying for healing for Jaising in

Jesus' name. We thank God that in Jan 2023, Ozz shared the gospel with his dad and he made a confession of faith in Jesus. See these previous newsletters where we celebrated a birthday with Jaising and Elijah read John 3:16 to him in Thai <u>Kumrod Family in Thailand Aug 2022 | Smore</u> <u>Newsletters for Education</u> and "Yes to Jesus on New Year's Day" <u>Kumrod Family in Thailand Jan 2023 | Smore Newsletters for Education</u>. We thank God for answered prayers!

We are praying for Jesus' love, hope, healing, comfort and salvation to surround the Kumrod family. Kumrod literally means "joyful salvation." "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches." Matthew 13:31-32 Jaising likes to garden and was tending many fruit trees behind his home before he got sick. We thank God for the mustard seed of faith in his heart and believe it will continue to grow and be a blessing to many!

Visiting Khun Buu (grandpa) on April 20 at his home







Thank you for praying with us.

- Thank you for praying for our boys as they have adjusted to a new school (GIS). The last four months, God has answered so many prayers and they have started to build good friendships with fellow students and are learning so much from their dedicated, attentive teachers! Ezra is making friends in first grade and practicing his reading and writing skills regularly. Zekie has received educational support in reading and writing that has allowed him to begin to fill in some of the gaps in his education and built his confidence. Elijah is doing better than he expected in his English class and is learning to write essays and create google slides. All our boys got in on the tail end of soccer season and Elijah has enjoyed joining the futsal team at GIS. All our boys love access to many English books in the GIS library!
- Because teaching (lesson plans and grading) for English 9 has been all consuming of my time and energy, I have not been able to engage in language study or partnership development as I had hoped. Ozz and I pray that we can jump back into partnership development after school is out on May 24. We are still at 68% of our total budget so please pray God will lead us to connect with more people and churches this summer who want to join our team to share Jesus' love in Thailand and see leaders and churches multiplied for God's glory.
- Praise God I received my new one year Thai family visa in March and I also got a new Thai driver's license which will be valid for five years.
- Thank you for praying for peace for Elisha as he has attended The Nest International School for preschool. He has been willing and eager to go to school three days a week with Ozz taking him to school. This has eased my mama's heart as I drive off to GIS every morning at 7:15 am with our three older boys and return at 4:30pm. We thank God for providing a neighbor family whose boys also attend The Nest who have been willing to pick up Elisha after school when Ozz has been traveling for ministry. This is a definite answer to prayer for our family. Elisha is applying to be a student in Kindergarten at GIS for next year.
- Ozz has been very supportive of our family as we transitioned to GIS, making breakfast for us
 each morning and sending us off with a verse of encouragement and prayer, washing our
 clothes and cleaning our house for us. When I get home from GIS, he often leaves for ministry
 in the evenings.
- Please pray for Ozz and Joon as they plan to travel to the The Changed Life Center in Chiang Rai on a more regular basis to help teach the Bible to students at CLC, equip them to begin Discovery Bible Study groups and also join students in sharing the gospel in their villages. CLC is an evangelistic dormitory and discipleship center for high school students who attend the local high school.

Thank you for your continued love, prayers and partnership in the gospel with us in Thailand.

Together for the Harvest,

Ozz, Sara, Elijah, Ezekiel, Ezra and Elisha

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