

I am so thankful to the Lord for the time I was able to have with them. (*Katie has been with her family in Kansas over Christmas.*) I will be flying back on Jan 9 so I have a few more days here still. Some of them (*family*) are hoping to come, but not 100% sure yet.

Thanks so much for checking in and asking about this. Yes, our ministry will stay the same. I am excited for all of you to be able to get to know my fiancé, Jeff. Here is a little bit about him; he has so much passion for sharing the gospel with the lost, loves basketball, is an amazing cook, and feels clearly that God has called him to be father to the fatherless. I wanted to let you know that Jeff will be moving to Thailand and joining us here in our ministry at the Abundant Life Home orphanage and Zion Church. God has given him a heart for orphans before he even knew me, and God so clearly has led us together. Jeff already completed a DTS (discipleship training school) with YWAM like I did this past year and has been serving on the YWAM base in the Philippines in the mission's department. On the base Jeff leads outreach teams, coordinate's locations for outreaches, translates, provides leadership in the kitchen, cooks and so much more.

His first year in Thailand will be primarily focused on learning the language but God has clearly called us to be in Thailand and that brings us so much joy.

Jeff has some support that will continue even as he moves to Thailand, but we are prayerfully asking God to bring \$1800-\$2000 more per month to help support us and our ministry. We know that God is faithful and are so thankful for anything that the HMBC family can give as a Church or as individuals.

After we are married Jeff will be applying for his visa to America and as soon as he gets that we will be coming back to visit all of our supporters. Once we have a concrete date for that we will be in touch and really look forward to being together in person. Thank you so much for all you do.

Thank you so much Gladys for all you do. Happy New Year.

Blessings always,