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Sunday Church Service on base



New pigs on the farm!

Food Appeal...

We were blown away by the response to our Food Appeal. Because of different ones who gave we were able to help feed 482 families and some were fed for two weeks!

The entire month of May was dedicated to providing relief for desperate families during the full stages of lockdown in Thailand.

Most of these families had at least one partner who had lost their job and most had children to feed and so the food packages were timely and many were in tears when they received them.

Most of the families we helped were connected to us through local Pastors that we know and in the slums and construction worker communities.

We want to thank you all so much so stepping up in this tough time to help those who need it more than we do.

The connections we have made through the food appeal will be followed up on and we will continue to visit those communities to encourage them.



Base Ministry & Farming...

Our Wednesday night services have continued on base and have had many of our old students and neighbouring families attend.

It has been great to have Pastors Timothy and Rebecca on base and “stuck” unable to travel. They have been teaching and preaching in the services and everyone has been blessed.

We have not been idle with our time but have encouraged our team to keep working on what they can.

Long and Santi have been improving the farming on base adding pigs and a hatcher to increase the chickens and ducks being born.

We have been making above ground garden boxes to plant more vegetables for those living on base.

We have also been able to connect with many of the young guys who have no where to play soccer due to the closing of football fields! So what do they do? Come play at the base! But this has been a great opportunity to fellowship and encourage them. Dakota has used the opportunity to run a mens group and it has been a great blessing to these young guys.



Team Retreat & Update on Tim and Claudia

Every 6 months we gather our team to evaluate and prayer for the ministry and outreaches.

This year we took a day doing some team building activities and spent time praying for one another in our specific roles and responsibilities.

We look forward to the next 6 months as God opens the doors for us to continue to reach out to as many as we can.



We miss two of our team leaders Tim and Claudia. They had returned to Australia to welcome their little girl Isabella into the world and had originally planned to be back in Thailand in April.

As you know with the closing of borders they have yet to be able to return to Thailand and remain in Perth for now.

Please be praying for them as they have also had to adjust to the change in plans but we are so happy they are able to enjoy this time with their new daughter Isabella. (Picture below)



Update on the Dakota Family

As many of you would already know, this month Dakota and Karena have announced that they will be resigning from the Directorship of Asian Tribal Ministries.

After 8 years of serving full time together they feel led to spend the next 6 months focusing on their family as the children are at the age to start attending Primary school.

Special attention and treatment will need to be provided for Joshuwa and Kaleb due to their developmental delays. This is vital for them in the next couple of years if they are to be able to attend school.

Kaleb (6 years old) will be homeschooled part time and attend school part time and will also be receiving speech therapy 2 times per week.

Daveeda (4 years old) will be starting Kindergarten at Vineyard Christian School.

Joshuwa (7 years old) now has a treatment plan and will attend classes at the Hospital for Children with Special Needs in Chiangmai.

Due to the needs of the children Dakota and Karena have decided it would be best to move closer to Chiangmai city as all these schools are only in the city.

They have found a house and are applying for a loan to buy the house which is halfway between the ATM base and the schools.

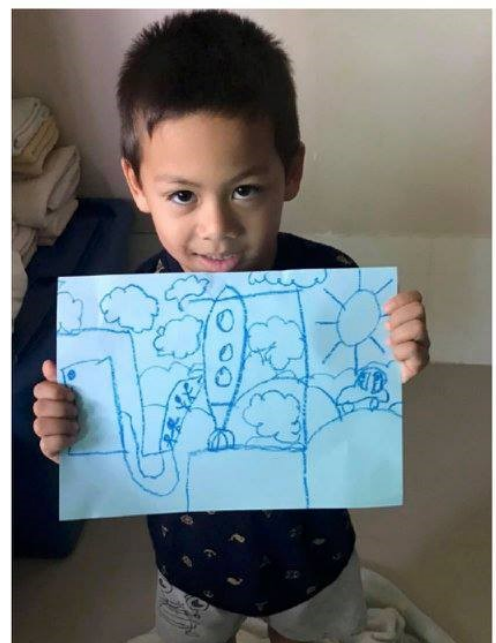


Over the next 6 months Dakota will continue to be at the ATM base everyday along with the team to manage the daily runnings of the ministry. We will continue to minister and outreach to the Tribal villages as planned and complete any projects unfinished un the base.

As of January 2021, Dakota and Karena will plan to move Haven of Grace Foundation off the ATM base site and will continue to direct that ministry full time in a new location.

Other than that as the Lord leads they will continue to minister to the youth through the annual Fire Camp Event and hosting various ministry teaching seminars.

Please be praying for them as they make these steps forward.



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Upcoming Outreaches & Prayer Points

We have had to patiently wait for the country to slowly reopen. By the end of July we should know to what extent we can plan our outreaches and especially our annual Fire Camp event. We are now mid rainy season which makes it nearly impossible to reach most of the villages we have been connected with. So we will need to wait until the weather dries up before making any long trips.

For now we have a tentative plan for the next 6 months which is as follows:

- July: Visit Pastor Lah's Church in Ban Pa Lai
- August: Family Seminar at ATM Base
- September: Visit Maesot and border villages Muay Pu
- October: Prep for Fire Camp / Host Seminar in Pastor Supan's Village
- November: Fire Camp 2020 (Might be over 3 weeks in 3 different locations)
- December: ATM Student Reunion

Please be praying for wisdom and direction from the Lord as we continue on each month.

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