



**July 2020**

**Dear praying partners,**

**Current Situation:** COVID-19 has wreaked havoc around the world. My wife and I are currently stranded in the USA for the foreseeable future. We will be staying in Sumter, South Carolina, until Thailand opens for foreigners to return. Currently, Thailand is accepting limited returnees, but these include only businessmen and family members. Fortunately, things are easing within Thailand, and our church has started meeting in person again, albeit with distancing and facemasks. We are available to report to our supporting churches during this time of waiting. Churches that desire us to stop-in can contact me at 864-561-5217 or via email.

**Ministry in Thailand:** Even though COVID has been causing havoc, the Lord is still at work. Recently two have been saved! Both are family members of current members. This accepting responsibility for the ministry is exactly what we want to see, friends, and family coming to the Lord. Dtom, our bible student who will graduate soon, currently watches the church and has assumed responsibility for the majority of the preaching. He organized a baptismal service, and it was a joy to see the two new converts baptized and begin their new life in Christ.

**Bible Institute:** The Bible Institute continues via online instruction. Dtom just finished his last class and is ready for graduation. A ceremony will be organized after we return from the states. Dtom has been a diligent student and is faithfully serving the Lord in my absence. We were hoping that he could do an extended internship while we were on furlough, and it appears that the Lord's timing is ahead of ours. He is learning a lot while doing an excellent job. The next student to graduate will be Mon, who will likely be ready in 2021. If this COVID

situation isn't resolved soon, we will probably do both year's graduations together. We continue to organize the course videos for the online school. This is a time-consuming task, but progress is being made.

**Prayer Requests. Salvation:** The husband of a member who has been attending for five years. Two members who have not been faithful to church for several months that they would return or find another good church. Continue to pray for Mike's students and fellow teachers at University. **Faithfulness:** Pray for the Bible students to continue steadfast in their studies. Especially pray for Dtom that the Lord would give him wisdom and perseverance in serving the Lord. Pray for a new couple in our church for spiritual growth in being newly married but separated as they wait for her visa to the USA to be approved. Please also pray for other Thailand missionary families and us as we all wait not so patiently for Thailand to open for our return.

May the Lord bless you richly as you continue to serve Him.

For Christ in Thailand,

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p.s. on August 11th, Mike had a severe heart attack while visiting his daughter in Sumter, SC. He was air evacuated by helicopter to Columbia, SC, where the place a stent to open a 100% blocked artery. As of now, Mike is recovering well. A followup appointment with the heart doctor will determine the extent of damage and a rehab plan going forward. We are covered by military healthcare but still expect our portion to be about \$3000. Any help towards this unexpected cost would be very helpful. Please pray for a complete recovery.

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