

Lauver Newsletter

Southern Thailand ◆



Here's what has happened in the last two months.

Lets start things off by praising God for how good he is! Last month we had a number of motorbike accidents, however we saw God miraculously heal and through that it opened a door to be able to point to the power of prayer and the power of our Lord and Savior. Thank you for everyone that prayed during that time. God was also so good in keeping his hand of protection on us, we had purchased a motorbike and did not know that the entire frame was rusted! The bike decided to literally split in half (this happened just after Ben and Emmy had returned from using it to go visit a local waterfall). Praise God he kept them safe and it did not happen while they were on the bike!

Our ESL class in our home is going strong. Eric has now begun to teach this class and has really enjoyed this new role and making connections with the older students.

Ben continues to teach at Pak Nam and has truly displayed a

love for these kids that goes beyond just wanting to teach them!

In mid July we made a trip as a group to Mae Sot area. This area is where many Myanmar refugees come into Thailand. There are refugee camps that are all along the border both on the Thai and Myanmar side. We visited our dear sister in Christ, Zion, and the home that she lives in and cares for many children.

During our visit to Mae Sot area Eric and I had the opportunity to visit into a refugee camp (crossing into Myanmar to do so). It was eye opening to see how the Myanmar people are living here, having run from their war torn villages. We also got to hear the stories of some of the refugees there. Amazing stories of hope being found in Christ. Many have come to know our Lord and Savior while in that camp! Our sister Zion had previously returned to this camp, after having arrived to

Prayer Requests:

Pray for the safety of our Myanmar friends and students. There has been increased police activity and arrests for those that are here without their proper paperwork.

Pray for Hemant's family. Both as they walk through the greif of losing their only child and that through this and our connection with them God would be pleased to save.



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safety in Thailand, she chose to go back to share the gospel there. We also got to visit other homes in the area and join in some home worship/fellowship with other refugees now living in the farms. This was such a wonderful blessed time and truly eye opening to the needs not just physical need but the need for the gospel and the hope that only Christ can bring.

We had to do another visa extension! This will be our last time having to leave the country before we must leave the country to return to America. We decide to travel to Ranong Thailand (about 2 hours from where we live) where there is a border crossing into Myanmar. You must cross the ocean on a small fishing type longtail boat. This proved to be quite the adventure as a storm hit while we were at the outset of our boat trip. God again was good in providing us safety to get into Myanmar and back to Thailand and receive another 60 days in the country. You can see a video of what our trip was like on my facebook and instagram pages.

While we were in the midst of the storm my heart was overcome with the song "Still" and I was able to praise God even through the storm.

We said goodbye to Chloe Ohler and Levi Daly who were visiting during their school break. It was wonderful to have them both here again and just see even more how God is growing them and how they are able to plug in here and use their gifts! We are sad to see them go but hope the Lord wills to have them return here again soon.

The beginning and end of August brought more birthday celebrations in our home. Ben turned 18 and Jordyn 12 years old. We also had a wonderful time having Eric's mom and sister come to visit us from America! Our time with them had some bumps (including a bad illness that struck down Jordyn and myself) during the beginning of their time here, but, all in all we are so glad they came to see and participate in our ministry here with us and our time truly was a blessing!

Finally, we remember the little boy from India named Hemant. We had begun many prayer chains back in America for him to recover from the drowning incident that happened at our hotel during our family visit. I personally want to thank all of you for surrounding him, his family and our family in your prayers. That brought comfort. Sadly he succumbed to his injuries and died in the early hours of the morning of September 3rd. His mom and dad have since returned back to India and had the funeral for their only son. This has been a very hard thing to experience personally walking with parents through actively losing a child in such a traumatic and unexpected way. We called on the name of Jesus many times. The family is Hindu but the mom was grateful for the times of continued prayer with her. Through this tragedy there were many seeds of the gospel planted, even praying aloud during resuscitations. We pray that our good Father uses this whole tragedy in a way to glorify himself and to add to his kingdom many more people.





