



Dear Friends,

Happy 2016!

Before anything else, we have to say how grateful we are for several encouraging friends reaching out over the reaches of the internet and even snail mail to tell us of your prayers for us, and for those who thought of us at Christmas! We will never take lightly the fact that you are willing to ask God for His blessing on our ministry, that you would pray for our family, and that you would intercede on the behalf of the Thai people that God has called us to share His love with.



Some kids at our boy's school

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began the start of our new schedule of daily ministry to people in our city. Our new schedule has been working great and has allowed for a little more of a buffer for our family, shutting the doors early a couple nights of the week to try to care for our own well. The location of our house / ministry center / church is just what we hoped and dreamed: a place where people will feel welcome, and a place where we will have a steady stream of new individuals coming into our lives.

Our weekday classes are held for six weeks at a time with two weeks in between courses, and we would be so grateful if you would pray for the people who are coming into our home. Both the high school class and the adult class are flourishing. We covet your prayers for God to be working in every heart that comes through our doors. All but one of the students we've ever had are Buddhist and 90% of them have had their very first exposure to the gospel here.

There are times when it is tempting to only see how difficult it is for a Thai to become a Christian, but God has been giving us a lot of joy lately. Student after student has shown openness and desire to learn about Christ, and really we just feel *daily* the great privilege it is to be the ones telling so many people for the first time about their Maker! He is good!

Please pray...

For the Christians in our church to grow in the knowledge of Christ.
For our students to have courage to come to church and open their hearts to the Lord.

Thanks: For four new believers who will be getting baptized this month: Eve, Ice, Bon, and Kate. So grateful for fruit because of the Lord's goodness and your prayers!
Alisa's family and two friends got to stop through for three days on their way back from speaking in New Zealand. Very encouraging for us!



With love from Thailand,
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