



THE BALLOU FAMILY

LAMPHUN, THAILAND

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Visa processing for new team members: Kelly and Wagner families
- Perfect housing solution for the Wagner family in our city
- Thai stance towards visas in general

MINISTRY FOCUS

This month God has blessed us with two families who share our philosophy of missions, and are joining in ministry here in Lamphun for a season. We are incredibly grateful for their time and resources in support of the vision God has given us here. As we all find our fit in different outreach and discipleship ministries, my prayer is that God will help us to maximize our effectiveness. I'm especially praying for unity and clarity as we look to grow and begin ministries for both short term and long term ways of reaching people with the gospel and training church leaders.

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DEAR FRIENDS,

The turn of this new year has been a season of multiplied blessings for our family and for this church plant. As a family, we strive to live well and to raise our kids in healthy church, team, and school environments. It seems like the start of 2023 has allowed us to reap the benefits of working hard to establish the right rhythms in our week-to-week schedules. Perhaps that idea does not strike the same excitement as baptisms, and rightly so, yet we are so encouraged to see what God does with a well formed mundanity of good routines.

Here are some examples of how we have seen God work in peoples lives lately:

- A young man who spent years away from church has become a faithful member, even quitting a lucrative job in order to be faithful and to serve. His countenance shows the work of the Spirit in his heart.
- A lady who has been a believer for just a few years now showed incredible grace and Christian maturity in the face of prejudice and mistreatment, making peace out of a very difficult situation.
- With the introduction of teams for various ministries of service within the church, we have seen several members step up from attending faithfully, to truly serving one another.
- Visitors who have been coming in this season have been loved and welcomed by the church. Several new people have been coming in the past season, and seem to be understanding the basics of the gospel.

So we want to say thanks for your constant encouragement and faithful prayers. This month marks 10 years of ministry in Thailand, and we are simply filled with gratitude that God allows us to continue living this dream!

*In Christ,
Jay and Alisa Ballou*



The Christmas season was filled with incredible opportunities for outreach. We want to say a special thanks to the kids at Lighthouse Baptist and Colorado Springs Baptist churches for the offerings that enabled us to prepare gifts for several hundred students at several local schools. Every child was given a clear presentation of the gospel, and many new connections were established for our children's ministries. Christmas Sunday at our church was truly special, with a record attendance and many guests.

