

PROJECT PHAYAO

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GREETINGS!

- WHAT AN AMAZING ADVENTURE. LEARNING THAI IS QUITE A CHALLENGE FOR US,, WE HAVE CLASS 5 DAYS A WEEK!
- IT IS AN AMAZING TIME OF GROWTH FOR US BOTH AS A COUPLE AND AS INDIVIDUALS.
- I HAVE FOUND THAT I AM MISSING EVERYONE SO MUCH MORE THAN I ANTICIPATED. WE BOTH THINK OF YOU OFTEN.
- VERY SORRY FOR SUCH A LONG GAP IN UPDATES WE WILL CATCH UP SHORTLY!

THE THAI NEW YEAR

WE HAD A BLAST WITH OUR FRIENDS HERE IN CHIANG RAI.. WE CELEBRATED SONGKRAN, WHICH IS THE THAI NEW YEAR FESTIVAL. USUALLY A HOMECOMING CELEBRATION WHERE THE YOUNGER GENERATION BLESSES THE ELDERS. IN THE HEAT OF THE SUMMER IS KNOWN AS THE LARGEST WATER FIGHT IN THE WORLD!! WE DROVE AROUND THE CITY WITH 8 PEOPLE IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK THROWING WATER ON EVERYONE. IT WAS GREAT FUN!



EASTER 2024

OUR FIRST EASTER IN THAILAND WAS A WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE! WE HAD A MORNING SERVICE COMPLETE WITH COMMUNION FOLLOWED BY A BAPTISM.. WHAT A GREAT DAY TO BE BAPTIZED ON! CONGRATULATIONS



HELLO FROM SUNNY THAILAND!

WE ARE ABOUT 12 HOURS AHEAD OF YOU RIGHT NOW IF YOU ARE IN THE CENTRAL TIME ZONE. SO IF YOU ARE READING THIS IN THE MORNING, IT'S ALREADY NIGHT TIME (OF THE SAME DAY) HERE.

GOOD NEWS, WE HAVE SECURED OUR WORK PERMIT AS TEACHERS AND ONE YEAR VISA EXTENSIONS SO WE ARE GOOD TO GO FOR THE NEXT YEAR OF SERVICE HERE! IT HAS BEEN AN INTERESTING PROCESS TO OBTAIN ALL OF THE DOCUMENTATION TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.. IT HAS BEEN A LEARNING EXPERIENCE. THE ENTIRE THAI STAFF HAS BEEN SO WONDERFUL HELPING US NAVIGATE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS.

WE STARTED OUR THAI CLASSES THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH AND HAVE BEEN GOING DAILY FOR THESE MANY WEEKS. WE STARTED LEARNING ABOUT THE PRONUNCIATIONS AND DIFFERENT TONES BECAUSE THEY ARE FOUNDATIONAL TO THE LANGUAGE. CURRENTLY WE ARE LEARNING VOCABULARY AND SENTANCE STRUCTURE. OUR TEACHER IS VERY GOOD AND SUPER PATIENT.. WE ARE HAVING SO MUCH FUN IN CLASS LEARNING THE LANGUAGE. WE CAN NOW ORDER FOOD AT THE RESTAURANTS AND COFFEE SHOPS AND UNDERSTAND SOME VERY BASIC WORDS AND SENTANCES. (AS LONG AS THEY GO VERY SLOW). IT IS A VERY HUMBLING EXPERIENCE LEARNING A NEW LANGUAGE AT THIS POINT. I AM SURE WE SOUND LIKE LITTLE KIDS TRYING OUT NEW WORDS AND SENTANCES TO SEE IF WE ARE SAYING IT CORRECTLY. IT IS AN INTERESTING EXPERIENCE HAVING TO "THINK" ABOUT EVERYTHING YOU SAY BECUSE THE WORDS ARE NOT AUTOMATIC...

WE HAD THE HONOR OF ATTENDING OUR GOOD FRIEND BEE'S WEDDING RECENTLY! WE HAVE KNOWN HER SINCE 2016 AND HAVE WATCHED HER DEVELOP INTO A WONDERFUL YOUNG WOMAN. SHE AND ALO WERE MARRIED IN A BEAUTIFUL AKHA WEDDING! I AM EXCITED TO SEE HOW GOD USES THEM AS A COUPLE IN THE FUTURE.

WE FINALLY FINISHED THE TREE HOUSE AT GRACE LANGUAGE SCHOOL JUST IN TIME FOR THE THAI SUMMER. IT HAS BEEN A FUN PROJECT THAT WE STARTED IN DECEMBER WHEN THE TEAMS FROM MISSISSIPPI CAME TO VISIT! NOW THAT THAT PHASE OF CONSTRUCTION IS FINISHED WE ARE DISCUSSING A TREE HOUSE EXPANSION!! MAYBE DAVID CAN COME BACK AND HELP SOME MORE ON IT!! LOL

I HAVE BEEN HAVING A GREAT TIME OF STUDY AND GROWTH. WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A SMALL GROUP MARRIAGE STUDY WITH SOME WONDERFUL COUPLES OF DIFFERING LENGTHS OF MARRIAGE. (WE ARE THE OLD FOLKS) IN ADDITION TO THIS WE HAVE A WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ON WDNESDAY EVENINGS. I HAVE PARTNERED WITH SEVERAL GUYS TO FORM 2 TRIAD STUDY GROUPS AS WELL. I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED SPENDING TIME WITH THESE MEN AND LEARNING FROM EACH OTHER WEEKLY. PAULETTE IS MEETING WITH A COUPLE OF GALS AS WELL AND IS GOING TO START A STUDY WITH ANOTHER FRIEND THIS NEXT WEEK!!

RECENTLY I WAS ABLE TO PREACH MY FIRST SERMON IN THAILAND ON THE COMMPASSION OF CHRIST. I ENJOYED PREPARING FOR AND DELIVERING THE MESSAGE. MY FRIEND BALL WAS THE TRANSLATOR AND WE ENJOYED DELIVERING THE MESSAGE. IT WAS FUNNY BECAUSE WHEN YOU HAVE AN INTERPRETOR YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, YOU ARE NOT REALLY SURE WHEN HE IS FINISHED... SO WE KEPT CUTTING EACH OTHER OFF. I REALLY TRIED NOT TO LAUGH, BUT FAILED, I GOT A KICK OUT OF IT. I WILL DO A BETTER JOB NEXT TIME, IT TAKES SOME PRACTICE TO GET USED TO THE GAP BETWEEN SPEAKING AND THE INTERPRETOR SPEAKING.

WE HAD A GREAT TIME WITH THE TEAM THIS SUMMER, IT WAS AWESOME TO SEE EVERYONE AND TO WELCOME THEM TO THAILAND., BUT MORE ON THAT NEXT TIME...

WE EXPERIENCED OUR FIRST THAI SUMMER AND BOY WAS IT HOT! WE HAD MANY DAYS IN A ROW OF TEMPERATURES OVER 100, REACHING AS HIGH AS 107 DEGREES.. THAT IS HOT. ADD IN THE POLLUTION FROM THE FIELD BURING SEASON AND IT WAS TOUGH TO BE OUTSIDE. NOW WE ARE IN THE RAINY SEASON SO IT HAS COOLED A BIT, AND THE POLLUTION IS GONE!

I AM OUT OF SPACE SO THANKS FOR READING, WE PRAY THAT YOU ARE ALL DOING WELL AND MISS YOU ALL VERY MUCH! SINCE THIS IS SO LATE I WILL SEND A NEW UPDATE VERY SOON...

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT, WE LOVE YOU GUYS!
PAULETTE AND DOUG



CHRISTMAS ON CAMPUS

DUE TO A FEW FACTORS WE WERE NOT ABLE TO DO THE CHRISTMAS PROGRAM ON MAE FAH LUANG'S CAMPUS THIS DECEMBER, IT WAS POSTPONED TO JANUARY.

SEVERAL CHURCHES AND MINISTRIES PARTICIPATED IN THIS WONDERFUL EVENT. WE HAD SEVERAL VOLUNTEERS FROM THE CHURCH COME HELP US PLAY GAMES, AND ULTIMATELY SHARE THE GOSPEL WITH THE STUDENTS.

IT WAS A POWERFUL NIGHT OF FUN AND WORSHIP IT WAS A BLESSING TO BE A PART OF IT. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO MORE EVENTS WITH THE COLLEGE STUDENTS..



PRAYER REQUESTS

- PRAY FOR US AS WE CONTINUE TO LEARN THE THAI LANGUAGE , IT IS TONAL LANGUAGE THAT IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM OUR OWN..
- PRAY FOR MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE THE GOSPEL.
- PRAY FOR GOD'S DIRECTION FOR OUR MINISTRY HERE AND PHAYAO IN THE FUTURE.
- BEGIN TO PRAY FOR US AS WE BEGIN TO CONSIDER STAFF FOR PHAYAO
- PRAY FOR NEW PARTNERS SO WE CAN REACH FULL FUNDING FOR THE YEAR.
- PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AS WE ALL ADJUST TO BEING SO FAR APART..

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