

“O LORD, my strength and my stronghold, And my refuge
in the day of distress, To You the nations will come from
the ends of the earth ... “ Jer 16:19

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& KIM'S

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PRAYER REQUESTS

- For national believers for us to work with .
- For new language helpers and friends to practice language with.
- For our language learning. That God would bless us with an ear to clearly hear, a mouth to clearly speak, and a mind to understand the language.
- That we are open and responsive to each opportunity that God gives us to share the Gospel and to make new relationships.
- That we are faithful to use our time to draw close to God and allow Him to mold us according to His purpose
- For continued good health and safety in our travels.

PRAISES

- For a wonderful and productive time at our yearly area meeting. It was a great time of getting information, spiritual renewal and visiting with old friends.
- For our niece who visited us for 10 days and our youngest daughter who was able to stay for almost one month!!! We had a great time.
- For a great summer training session at a local church.

THINGS ARE CHANGING ... AN UPDATE

As we said last time ... there are always changes here and this summer is no exception. An update on a couple of items we mentioned in our last letter. First, for a new opportunity that is developing at a large factory which could give our team an opportunity to build relationships with a very large number of people & their families. This project was discussed by the company owners and authorities here and prayed about by us and by you. After consideration, the company owners decided to postpone this project but expressed excitement about doing it in the future. We had a great peace about their decision and know that the extra time will allow our small team to prayerfully prepare for this engagement better than we could have on such short notice. Please pray for wisdom for us, favor with the authorities, and for volunteers which will be required for a project of this size. The second item of prayer was for the training of a small number of national men who have been called by God to start churches across the country. This training is ongoing and continues to be an incredible opportunity and one that needs our continued prayer. Please pray for these men and their families that they might prepare and serve our LORD by His power with urgency and love! The last special item we mentioned was for the summer Bible training that occurred. Kim, I and others were blessed in our time of preparation and encouraged by the attendance and their hunger for God's Word and direction in their lives.

SUMMERTIME ...

I don't know about you but summertime certainly came and went in a hurry in our house! We were blessed in many ways this summer. First, we had a wonderful time of spiritual enrichment at our annual regional meeting in Thailand. Then, we were able to host our daughter and niece for a great time here. Their visit gave us a good reason to see a few places that we enjoyed as well as to explore a few new places. One of the blessings of having visitors is that you get to relive some of the wonderment and surprise that we experienced when we first came here but now seems "rather typical". Finally, we were joined by two close friends "from home" who came to work alongside us here. It was a wonderful opportunity to remember some common memories and to talk in detail about the work here and to get their help in some of the relationships that we have been developing.

WHAT'S NEW AT HOME ...

As you have heard, in July Kim suffered another seizure. Since it had been 18 months since her last seizure, we were very surprised. Since her first seizure, she has been on medicine and I think that the combination of medicine and time made us think that she would not have another event like this but that all changed early one morning as we were getting ready for an early morning trip outside the city. Please continue to pray for wisdom for her doctors and that we would seek His perfect provision during this time and live out the reality that He is our refuge and strength.

Thank you for your prayers regarding Kim's health. Please continue to pray that our faith in God's sufficiency and provision is always displayed to those around us.