

THAI TIDINGS

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Prayer Points

- Karl's preparation for teaching at CTS
- Our family setting in and establishing new routines
- Thai language learning for kids
- That we will point other to Christ

Praise God

- Safe arrival in Thailand
- Provision of visas, house, and car in Thailand

Calendar

10/31-11/2 CTS
Family Camp

11/7 CTS new term
begins



Dear Family and Friends,

Greetings from Thailand! It has been a long time since I've been able to say that but praise the Lord, we are back! After some flight delays, we arrived on October 1st, a day later than expected. Our luggage showed up the day after. We are thankful for friends met us at the airport, and took us to get some delicious Thai food and new SIM cards before we got some rest after more than 24 hours of travel.

New Beginnings

October was a busy month as we arrived in Thailand, went to Malaysia to pick up our long-term visas, looked for (and found!) a rental house, moved furniture, etc. from Bangkok, and bought a car. We still have boxes all over the house but we are off and running. Joshua has recommenced his online college classes and the other kids will shortly begin homeschooling again. We have been meeting neighbors, finding our way to local shops, visiting churches, and learning our new surroundings. Our kids are struggling a bit with not knowing much Thai but we hope to get them into some formal Thai language classes soon.

New and Renewed Connections

We've visited Chiang Mai in the past though never lived here, yet there are many people that we know here, both Thai and missionary. It has been wonderful to catch up with old friends and colleagues, hear their family news, listen to their experience during the height of Covid, and learn about what's happening now. We're also meeting new people and finding opportunities to talk about God, whether it be a taxi driver or the woman selling vegetables along the side of the road. Compared to the rest of the country, Chiang Mai has a high number of Christians, but the vast majority of people here are still Buddhist. Lots of opportunities to talk to people about Christ.

Getting to Know Chiang Mai Theological Seminary (CTS)

At the end of October, we had the opportunity to attend a family camp for seminary faculty, staff, students, alumni and their families. It was



wonderful to have time to worship together, eat together, learn together, and get to know people. It was particularly encouraging to hear about some of the ministry that CTS folks are doing, including an alumnus who is seeing Muslims come to Christ in Southern Thailand and a current student ministering among churches in a neighboring Communist country. Before and during the camp, I've also had the opportunity to ask lots of questions about the seminary, its curriculum, teacher and students expectations, and other nuts-and-bolts details of how the school works. The new term starts November 7th and I will teach two classes, "Thai Church History" and "Intercultural Communication." I've previously taught Thai church history several times but intercultural communication is new for me. The subject matter is not new, of course, but I've never had to teach a semester-length course on it before. Lots of preparation to do!

Please keep us in prayer as we settle in to our new surroundings, and seek to be a witness to non-believers and a blessings to Thai Christians and churches. THANK YOU for standing with us and helping us return to Thailand so that, Lord willing, we might play a part in God's work here.

Blessings in Christ,
Karl & Sun Dahlfred

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