



Pray for BungGum Church

At the beginning of the year we welcomed a new family on the team of our small community. Pastor Somkhit and his family are working on a local project close to our church and are integrating into our church. We also have a missionary family from South Korea visiting us these months with an interest in serving here. Grace and Alliot are full-time missionaries, have two children, and are undergoing language and culture training. Pray for these two families.

Children's Camp: A special prayer request. On March 24-26, the RakChumchon (Urban Poor Communities team) will hold the first Kid's Camp (6-13 years old) from the Khlong 2 community. What a joy to see the children's parents trusting the team and advancing in the relationship that is being built. Pray for the children and the team involved in this project.

Since our last letter in December..

The end of the year once again confirmed that at every moment, whether in joy or in challenges and difficulties, God sustains us! We are very grateful to have you with us, watching and praying for the activities at the end of last year and beginning of this year.

December was a month full of activities and good opportunities to share the meaning of Christmas. There were activities in the church and the surrounding community, at school, in our village, and in projects in the communities, these were 4 very remarkable events.

A joyful time and with many reasons to be grateful. At the same time, a good opportunity to pray in intercession: may God continue to guide, inspire and be present in these lives that are being reached!

With all these joys also came fatigue. However, right at the end of the year and the beginning of January we were blessed with the privilege of receiving good friends from Brazil and Switzerland. It was really special. We had the opportunity to rest and restore our energy, how good God is!!

“A New Season - June 2023/ July 2024”

This March we enter the Thai “summer”. We are out of the dry spell of the coldest months (15 degrees jaw-dropping). Clearly the weather is turning now. Our family, likewise, is “turning over an important new chapter in life”. This summer we completed another term (four year period) here in Thailand. Due to this end of cycle, we will enter another “season”, we will go to Brazil in July 2023, for what in missionary work we call “home assignment”

What is Home Assignment? It is a period of time where families return to their home countries, for a longer period of time than usual, to reconnect with their families, friends, churches, support network, and to work in areas such as training and mobilization. It is

also a strategic time to renew the missionary's support and support network, seeking for new partnerships. It is a period to invest in recycling and studies. It is also a time to be with family and friends. For the children, especially, to offer a time of “acculturation” - our children who are growing up here in Thailand, in Brazil will have a time of exposure to Brazilian culture and the Portuguese language.

We plan to stay in Brazil for a year, from July 2023 to July 2024.

Prayer requests - Since the beginning of this month of March, we have already started preparations to leave the country. Documents, meetings, ongoing projects, closures, amid the chaos of different agendas intersecting, we see God's care in small details and we trust that He is in control. We are confident that the ministries and relationships we have invested in here will continue in the time we will be in Brazil. Pray specifically for the team of missionaries in Bangkok, each one of them in the specific focus they are dedicated to; for the leadership that will replace us during the period we will be away; for the Church in Bungum; for the ministry of Rakchumchon urban communities (intercede for the personal and spiritual development of our workers Em, Jew, Rung, Emmanuel, Marie Claire, HuiTing, and for the new couple who joined the Grace and Alliot group).

How to support our family: During the year in Brazil we will be in Curitiba. We are looking for a school for our children. At the time we were in Brazil in 2022, we visited 5 schools and are currently in contact with some of them. Pray for us to have discernment in the process of decision and seeking resources for education in Brazil. Also pray for a house! We are looking for a place to live in Brazil. If you know someone who has an apartment or house available, please contact us. Likewise, we are looking for a vehicle - if you have any options for the period, send us an e-mail.

Future Plans: We are going to Brazil with plans to return to Thailand in 2024. Pray with us! For plan to return to Thailand in 2024 to happen, many challenges are ahead of us. We are seeking the Lord to see if that is His will. Definitely, some steps will be necessary: we will need to strengthen our support base, mobilize more people, and also reconnect with church and family. We are ready to follow the plan that God has for us.