

Hello prayer team!

We are so thankful to be ending a packed and busy week with encouragement and uplifted hearts! The Lord has done so much this week--Ryan has had opportunities to assist on 3 C-sections, another surgery, and see some of his own patients with a translator. This is a huge answer to prayer and has allowed Ryan to be involved in the work here more than ever.

I have also been meeting with the trainees in our home every afternoon in small groups. I am getting to know them better, and have learned that some of the trainees are Buddhist, some are Christian in culture only (like many people in the U.S.), and some are truly walking with the Lord. The training program requires students to be involved in Bible study, devotions, worship singing, and church attendance. So, there are about 1/3 of the students who are learning and hearing the truth for the first time, expected to learn/memorize scripture, etc. but who have been raised Buddhist. PLEASE PRAY FOR THEM! Today, I spoke with a young man (20 years old) who said that the program has raised many questions about what is TRUE. He was raised by monks in a monastery for many years, and now is in God's word daily! Please pray that the Lord would reveal himself to these students in new ways, that He would take the veil off of their eyes so they may see Him and hear His truth and understand it--- understand that it is indeed the TRUTH. Pray that Ryan and I may be a small part of planting seeds in the hearts of these students. I am meeting with two more groups this afternoon.

On Sunday, we will head for a 1 week break in Southern Thailand. We will have the opportunity to rest, reflect on what the Lord has done during our first 4 weeks here, pray, be in His word, and invest into Abigail and Daniel. We will also have the chance to spend 2 days with a missionary friends' adopted family. Ryan met them 7 years ago when he was here. They have invited us to come to their home for fellowship. Please pray for this week away!

We will be sending our second large update with pictures to our support team in the next couple of days.

Thank you for your faithfulness in praying for us and sending us scripture. It is so refreshing.

love,

Rachel and Ryan.17