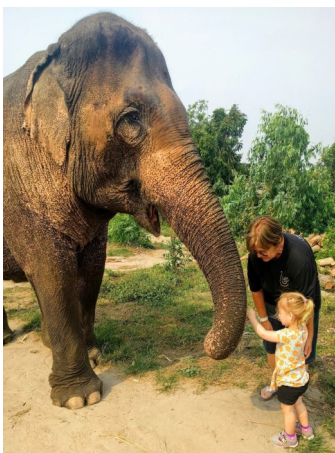


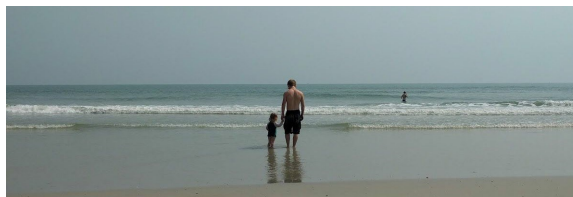
Pictures from Thailand Update 3



We had a wonderful time on our week away in Hua Hin, Thailand! We visited an elephant rescue facility and were able to take a walk with this gentle giant!



We got to feed her bananas and give her a bath!



We also enjoyed time at the beach and in the pool as a family



After our time in Hua Hin, we were invited to spend the weekend with missionary friends in Pa La U, Thailand. Our hosts shared that we were just in time for their monthly outreach to nearby Karen villages. Ryan was asked to share the gospel with a village that has only 4 Christian families living there. The rest of the village practices Animism/ spirit worship.



Too Ghay is a Karen evangelist. Ryan has spent time with him on previous trips to Thailand. He was so blessed to have Too Ghay translate for him and minister alongside him again!



Traditional Karen worship is performed in a choir. We have been so blessed by participating in times of corporate worship with the Karen. The girls are seen here wearing thanaka on their faces. Thanaka is a paste ground from tree bark. It is used for cosmetic purposes and is considered beautiful.



Abi enjoyed playing with the children at the outreach event!



Rachel was asked to lead the women's bible study the next morning. The Christian women from nearby villages come together

once a month to study God's word. Some of the women shared that they do not have many opportunities to study the Bible like their husbands. Others shared that their husbands are not believers so they do not allow them to attend church regularly.

Rachel taught on the book of Esther, and was able to encourage the women to allow the Lord to carry their burdens; and that God can use even ordinary people to do extraordinary things!



When we returned to Huay Malai we were invited to a going-away party for one of the missionary doctors who has served at Kwai River Christian Hospital for 6 years. These Karen women performed a dance and sang a song of farewell for him and his family.

Dr. Sakda's clinic in Three Pagodas Pass (about 45 minutes from Huay Malai)



This month, Ryan worked at a small medical clinic in Three Pagodas Pass with general surgeon, Dr. Sakda, and his wife, Yoriko. He had opportunities to see his own out-patients with a translator, and assisted on several surgeries including c-section, hernia repair, cyst removal, and circumcision.





Ryan gave a presentation to the medical staff at Kwai River Christian Hospital on Post Partum Hemorrhage and a unique cost effective way of managing it called "condom uterine balloon tamponade." The staff were excited to begin using this technique in hopes that it will save lives of delivering mothers experiencing a hemorrhage in this resource limited setting. Ryan was able to put together a few kits with materials already available in the hospital for their delivery suite.



Rachel got acquainted with the hospital by donating blood. Many of the villagers are not able to donate blood due to existing

medical conditions. The staff at the hospital give as often as they can, but many times there is a need for donated blood. Rachel also had the opportunity to use her skills as a speech-language pathologist to assist the pediatrician with a swallow evaluation on a child. She was able to educate the family about how to safely feed their child with special-needs.



Dr. Jennifer's husband, Joe, is in charge of a bakery in Huay Malai. The profits of the bakery go toward assisting the Safehouse ministry. Rachel taught Joe how to make her grandma's sticky buns and her mom's pie!



Ryan taught Paw Lu Lu how to make homemade pizza. She was excited to learn

so she could show her students and friends how to make pizza too.



Rachel continued to teach the children English through Bible stories in the evenings.



Rachel also continued to meet with the trainees in small groups at our apartment. She had the Christian trainees practice sharing their testimony. The trainees who are Buddhist talked about their beliefs as well. Several trainees shared that they have recently come to faith in Jesus, or are seeking to understand who Jesus is more.



A short term missions team from Calvary-Chapel St. George in Utah visited Huay Malai. They played games, did skits, and studied the Bible with the children and trainees. We were invited to participate in the ministry opportunities they had prepared.



Rachel had the amazing opportunity to do the colors of Christ bead bracelet with the trainees and the children from the children's home. She was able to share the gospel using the colors of the beads, pray over the students, and challenge them to consider faith in Jesus if they have not made a commitment of faith yet.



As we leave Huay Malai, we are overwhelmed by the opportunities and blessings the Lord has provided for us! We are humbled and thankful for His provision, His protection, and His faithfulness.



“For we walk by faith, not by sight” 2
Corinthians 5:7

Prayer Requests:

- We have been so blessed to share many encouraging and uplifting things in our updates with you. But, I’m sure you are all aware that a trip like this is not always easy, and has many challenges along the way. This week Abigail has had difficulty sleeping due to night terrors. We believe this is related to spiritual warfare, and ask that you pray for spiritual protection for us and our children
- Please pray for unity in our marriage and our family
- Please pray for travel mercies and continued physical health
- Please pray for our travel back to the U.S.A. on March 30!