## LLW TEAM THAILAND UPDATE - August 2022



WE ALL GOT TOGETHER FOR JOHN & GRACE'S WEDDING ON JULY 23 - BLESSED DAY!

Let the whole earth shout triumphantly to the Lord!

Serve the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Acknowledge that the Lord is God.

He made us, and we are his— his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his name. For the Lord is good, and his faithful love endures forever; his faithfulness, through all generations.

Psalm 100

Dear family & friends -

We are so grateful for the opportunity we had to see so many of you this past summer! We are also greatly blessed to welcome a new daughter into the family! Grace, whose marriage to our son, John, we were able to celebrate on July 23. What a joy it was to have all our children and grandchildren together!

Carol was also glad to be able to spend almost a month with her mother who turned 98 in September. All of her siblings were present at the wedding and were able to spend time together with their mother. Families were God's idea, and we are so glad we were able to be part of these important and memorable times together.

We have almost finished the first quarter of school and are grateful for God's continued faithfulness in giving us grace and ability to move forward in these opportunities to serve. This will be Carol's last year teaching Hannah's class, which she has been with since they were in fourth grade. Next year Hannah will start high school while Carol continues to teach Language Arts for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

There are specific prayers that Carol has for many of her students that she is trusting God to accomplish this year. Please pray for these kids to turn to Christ with all their hearts and see that His way is the best way. Carol is reading through and teaching The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class right now and would appreciate your prayers for these dear students. Pray their lives would be touched by this powerful story of faith, love and obedience, even to the point of death.

May the Lord helps us all to understand how to be overcomers right where we are, following the example of the ten Booms and the saints in the book of Revelation: "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even] when faced with death." (Rev 12:11).

Rob has been working alongside Joshua Chan (Director of Lahu Living Word, LLW) for the past three years providing some administrative support and teaching for Biblical Leadership Training (BLT), as well as being Joshua's traveling buddy for most of his outings to northern Thailand.

We had great hopes that Joshua would be able to obtain a VISA from the US consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand to travel with Rob and his family for part of their summer trip. However, after a 6-month long process, Joshua did not receive the VISA to visit the US with us. We are grateful to many of our partners that generously gave to help meet the travel expenses. Praise the Lord! Joshua was greatly encouraged and will try again to visit in the summer of 2024.



ALL SMILES - AND MASKS - AS WE GET READY TO FLY TO AMERICA

As we consider these past four years in Thailand, we give thanks to the Lord for your partnership with us in advancing the Kingdom of God in this part of the world. We continue to partner with the leaders of many churches in northern Thailand to encourage them to proclaim the whole gospel **so that** the grace and peace of Christ would overflow to their people and Jesus would be a living reality to more and more people in Thailand and Myanmar.

We a desire to keep you all better informed with our family and ministry in a timely manner, we have put together a Private Facebook Group: "Team Thailand." Everyone is invited to join the group and can do so by finding the Facebook Group "Team Thailand" and clicking on JOIN button. All requests to join will need our approval so it may take a day or so due to time zone differences. We look forward to keeping in touch about our family and ministry in a timely manner.

Until all nations sing His praise,

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Below we have listed our previous prayer requests in regular type and the answers/updates following in italic type. After these updates we have listed our current prayer requests.

## PLEASE JOIN US IN GIVING THANKS FOR.....

- PRAY for our trip in June and July 2022 to USA goes well and we can connect with all our peeps.
  - Praise the Lord for a great trip to the US. We were able to make it to all our destinations thanks to our son Joshua providing a great SUV for the family. We were able to see all our kids at John and Grace's wedding at the end of July southwest of Houston about an hour. We traveled about 12,000 miles, nevertheless, we had a refreshing time at each stop / destination. Carol was able to spend about a month with her mother in Texas while the rest of us did the southwest states tour.
- PRAY for Carol, James and Hannah as they finish the year well at Grace International School (GIS).
  - ➢ GIS was able to stay open for in-person classes until the end of the school year. Carol completed her first year as the Language Arts teacher for Middle School (grades 7 −8). We pray this next year will be less time consuming as she will be able to reuse some of the teaching plans and resources from last year. Although it has been a lot of work, she loves the opportunity to teach these youth and help shape their worldview, and some of their grammar.
- PRAY for John as he makes big plans for the future and looks to the Lord to guide his steps. He is engaged to a lovely Texan gal Grace and they plan to get married in July, having Rob do the wedding! Pray for all the details to come together for the wedding and the new couple will have time to settle into their new life together.
  - We had a blessed time at the wedding, meeting many of Grace's family for the first time. The ceremony went smoothly (I think) and it was a lovely wedding. We shared a meal together and then sent the new couple on their way to Colorado for the first stop of a **long**, camping road trip through many states.

- PRAY for our other adult children in the US (Josh, Daniel, Liz and her family, Kris, & Anna) that God's grace would continue to be a growing reality in their lives, and His peace would rule in their hearts in every situation this next year.
  - We thank the Lord for the time we could spend together with our children this summer. Everyone made it to the wedding, the first time in 4 years that everyone was together in one place. We were able to have some good conversations with them and be encouraged with each one of them.
- PRAY that we would daily get a fresh glimpse of the life-giving realities revealed in the Bible and be strengthened daily with the presence of the Lord through prayer.
  - The daily challenge is to discipline ourselves for the purpose of godliness, daily refreshed in the Word and presence of the Holy Spirit, **so that** we would be as patient, kind and gracious as God is in every situation.
- PRAY Joshua Chan (Director of Lahu Living Word, LLW) would be able to join us on part of our trip in the USA to visit supporting churches and friends. It is about a 10-month process to apply for a US Visa and not many Visas are being given at this time.
  - With high hopes Joshua went to his June 13 appointment at the US Consulate in Chiang Mai, Thailand, however, he was not granted a Visa to visit US at this time. Nevertheless, he was greatly encouraged with the love demonstrated to him through the many financial gifts given to help him get to USA. Joshua will try again to visit USA most likely the summer of 2024.

## PLEASE DRAW NEAR TO THE THRONE OF GRACE ON OUR BEHALF FOR.....

- PRAY for the completion of the Good Soil *Story of Hope* that is in the last stages of translation / formatting in the Lahu language. We pray we can complete the first printing by January 2023. This is a much needed resource to assist the Lahu churches in teaching the children the big story of the Bible.
- PRAY for Rob and the Lahu Living Word (LLW) teaching team as they plan training sessions for next year. We hope to complete 6 week-long modules through next year in northern Thailand. They have completed a major revision of the teaching scope / sequence and plan to begin translating teaching notes into Lahu to aid Lahu teachers as they begin to teach the sessions.
- PRAY for John and his new bride Grace as they settle into life in New Braunfels, Texas. John will continue to
  work at Jack of All Trades mobile repair and Grace will be giving music lessons. PRAY the Lord would give them
  grace as they begin to blend their two lives and two cultures into one new life together.
- CONTINUE TO PRAY for our other adult children in the US (Josh, Daniel, Liz and her family, Kris, & Anna, John & Grace) that God's grace would continue to be a growing reality in their lives, and His peace would rule in their hearts in every situation this next year.
- PRAY that we would daily get a fresh glimpse of the realities that await us in the future in Christ and that our faith would continue to help us see (with our hearts) the unseen realities (with our eyes) of the God who is here and is not silent.

\*\*\* If the Lord has blessed you this year with extra resources, please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you invest in one of these projects to encourage these faithful servants in Thailand.

- \*\*\* LLW Children's Resources Translation Project Click TRANSLATION PROJECT
- \*\*\* LLW Evangelist Homestay Project Click EVANGELIST HOMESTAY PROJECT
- \*\*\* LLW Pig Farm Project Click PASTOR FARM PROJECT
- \*\*\* LLW Truck Replacement Project Click TRUCK PROJECT
- \*\*\* LLW Clean Water System Project Click <u>CLEAN WATER PROJECT</u>

>>> Please enjoy some recent pics of our life and ministry in Thailand below <<<



Back to the airport with luggage - and masks!



Made a surprise visit to my friends at the Tuesday Mens Bible study . Great to see everyone! And to hear brother James preach!



In mid-June we made our way to Arizona and visited Camelback Bible Church.



Waiting in one of many airports – all smiles as we head back to America.



James ready for a break in America.



Texas has the best gate art! Enjoyed our stay in Bulverde, Texas with our dear friends, Bo & Sarah Thompson and family.



Had a great time visiting our friends in Inez, Texas. Good food and great fellowship after church at the Robertsons.



Ready for the first of many road trips in the Toyota Sequoia provided by our son Josh. Super SUV to cover 12,000 miles in 2 months!



One of our first meals back in the USA was at Chick-Fil-A, a family favorite!



We missed Wayne at church so we stopped by his station to say "Hi" and see the trucks.



We had a fun meal at the Kanz Home in Texas before we head west.



Could not pass up opportunity to sing some hymns with Grace on the fiddle – Glory!



We made our way west to Carefree, Arizona to visit our friends at the Church at the Chip. Rob gave a report at their outdoor pavilion.



James and Rob took a sundown trip into the hills of New River, Arizona, catching a gorgeous sunset on the way back to Uncle Billy's home.



Survival food while camping in Flagstaff, Arizona: PB & J.



Sending John and James into the Grand Canyon on the South Rim, planning to pick them up on the North Rim in 7 hours! Perfect weather.



Our perfect campsite about 6km west of the San Francisco Peaks near Hart Prarie.



Hannah and Rob enjoyed some BIG views from the South Rim of the Grand Canyon, then, 5 hour drive to the North Rim.



Uncle Bryan showed us the way to a local peak, claiming it for the USA.



Hannah all set to head down the North Kaibab Trail on a rescue mission to bring water and food to her brothers who were running out of energy.



John and James finally made it out of the canyon, after about 12 hours! They didn't have much to say on the ride back to camp in Flagstaff!



At the Gilberts in Golden, CO it was puppy heaven.



We had a fun stopover at the Townsends in Hesperus, CO.



Hannah found two snuggly friends



My epic mountain kids - legendary!



Aspen forest wonderland near Lizard head pass Colorado.



Looking east across the valley from the Lizard head pass trailhead. Perfect day for some hiking in the high mountains.



On July 23 we all got together in Arcola, TX at Sandy Point Bible Church for John & Grace's wedding - fun days. Last time we were all together was in 2018 at Jonathan & Liz's house in South Dakota before we headed east to Thailand.



We visited Jonathan & Lizzie at there new house in South Dakota. Uncle James was showing the littles how to use an air mattress.



After the wedding, we enjoyed a day on the Gulf of Mexico with Lizzie's fam and some fo the cousins.



Hannah and Rob did some bow shooting in Colo Springs on some free days.



In Waco, TX James got to stop in and say hi to his buddy Joey from Thailand. Page 10 of 12



Carol was glad her brother Phil made it to the wedding from Japan.



James & Rob enjoying the awesome views from Pikes Peak.



We met up with the newly weds at a park outside of Denver for some hiking and fun times.



Stopped over at Joshua's place for some backyard pizza.



Still smiling at the end of the long wedding day!



There are 4 out of the 5 Rugloski's: Billy, Brenda, Bryan and Bobby. Unfortunately, Beth was not able to make it.



We had a great time at Uncle Billy's for the Fourth of July - motorbike rides, water skiiing, swimming, sailing, and many different rescue operations on Lake Pleasant.



We stopped by the Le Masters place in Cedaredge, CO and had a fun visit pitting cherries and enjoying the best smoothies ever!