



# THE NICKELL FAMILY

## Missionaries to Thailand



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Dear Pastors and Praying Friends,

These past two months have been a busy season for us in the way of additional language learning and ministry opportunities. We fervently pray that we have not been active simply for the sake of being busy, but that our actions and intentions have honored the Lord and will be met with His blessings. **The month of March is coined "Missions Month" for our church plant in Cha-Am.** While the work in Cha-Am is still in its infancy as a church, it is our conviction to introduce the God-given responsibilities of the church at this stage and not wait for the church to grow in number or spiritual maturity first. God promises to bless the church who obey in faith what He commands. Over the last year, the people in Cha-Am have sacrificially given to help support a Thai missionary in the northern portion of the country. This year, it was our privilege to have him and his family visit us in Cha-Am and, in person, update us as to what the Lord is doing through the giving and prayers of those in Cha-Am. We believe that due to this, and the Holy Spirit's leading, the people in Cha-Am have increased their giving for this year to missions!



In our previous letter update to you, I humbly asked that you would pray for our visa needs, specifically in the matter of acquiring a missionary visa. I walked into an unofficial interview, which was more of an introductory meeting with a member of the visa organization. I am grateful for many of you praying for that meeting to develop into a more officially scheduled interview in the near future. Within a few days, I received a phone call from the organization letting me know they wanted to interview me further. We were told that there were only a few slots available for recipients of this missionary visa, and when I arrived to the official interview, there were nearly 10 other individuals present for their own interview as well. While I was initially nervous, the Lord gave me a peace that accepted whatever outcome there would be, and that we could trust God to provide in either case. I believe the Lord blessed my preparatory work as I was able to speak to the board members in Thai. While they snickered at my broken Thai, they were also able to understand me and encouraged me so. We then trusted the outcome to the Lord and asked many of you to join us in prayer for the Lord to provide us with this visa. **Just a few days later, we received word that we had been accepted! The paperwork is currently going through the proper channels of immigration and the Thai government, and we hope to officially receive this visa in August of this year.** This is truly an amazing answer to prayer as we have been told by a few veteran missionaries that they consider it a miracle that a family who has been here only 2 years will soon be in on a missionary visa. We praise the Lord not only for what this means for us personally and our work in Thailand, but also that this may be a sign that God will soon flood Thailand with many more missionaries carrying the Gospel in the near future.

This time of year is when the Thai children have their annual school break. Our ministry team began to pray about a possible outreach opportunity to the children in our community during their school break. **The Lord led us in the direction of holding a VBS-style English class for our English students and other children in the area.** Katrina's parents were already planning on a visit during this time and were eager to help lead this venture in the way of providing materials for decor, crafts, and bringing the Bible lessons. They were able to take a portion of what their church in Tennessee did for VBS last year and incorporate it into our VBS in Thailand. Their church in Tennessee even graciously provided T-shirts for all workers and children of the VBS. During this 3-day VBS, Katrina's father shared with the children Who God is, how He made the world and everything in it, and that He made us for Him. Each day we had an average of 30 children present who heard the Gospel. **On the final day, a number of children let it be known that they had trusted in Christ for their salvation!** Please pray for these decisions to be genuine and a result of the work of the Holy Spirit. Please pray for us as we seek to help and guide these children to the truths of God's Word.

In Christ,

The Nickell Family - Jordan, Katrina, Champion, Emmitt, Autumn, & Hadassah

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To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me.  
Acts 26:18

### Prayer Requests

- Learn the Thai language
- Eternal fruit from our English class VBS
- Souls to be saved and spiritual growth for believers in Cha-Am
- Laborers for God's Harvest