



The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia



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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Thailand! Last week, the weather bureau of Thailand announced that we are entering a season of severe drought that may last up to three years and then, it rained every single day this week! It seems weather forecasters are no better here than they are back in the States! Oh well!

SPECIAL NEED: Two months ago, I presented my supporters with a special need that we have. It has become more and more difficult to get a visa for us to be in Thailand. After struggling with different options over the last five years, we have decided that a retirement visa is the best option for us. As I mentioned in my previous letter, this visa requires a security deposit to be held in a bank account in my name in Thailand. These funds are a guarantee to the Thai government that if I got into any trouble financially, I would have the necessary funds available. For this visa, foreigners are required to deposit \$25,000 each. We started raising funds two months ago, and I'm pleased to report that we are more than halfway there! And, we have one very generous supporter that has offered to match all the remaining donations until we get the \$50,000 that we need. Taking this into account, we are only \$11,000 away from our goal! I'd like to thank everyone who has been so generous and helped us with this need. And I am hopeful that we can raise the remaining funds soon.

SHORT TRIP TO USA: Our son, Caleb, will graduate from high school in Texas, on May 21st. And then our middle son, Andrew, is getting married on June 13th. In July, our oldest child, Lee, and his wife, Katy, are expecting our first grandchild. And in August, Caleb will begin his first year of study at Crown College of the Bible in Powell, TN. We have also squeezed two family reunions in there as well! As long as we have all of the funds raised for our visa, we plan to return after we get Caleb settled in college. If you would like for us to come by and give an update on our ministry, please let me know.

MOTHER'S DAY: This past Sunday, we celebrated Mother's Day. The church was full and there was not an empty seat

in the house. I preached a sermon on Jochabed, the mother of Moses. After the service, we had a time of fellowship which of course included drinking Pakistani chai tea. One of the young ladies in our church made some beautiful flowers out of chenille stems and we gave a bouquet to each mother. It was a wonderful day Thank you all for praying. Everyone was truly blessed!

Finally, without revealing too many details, I have been spending more and more time with a gentleman from a central Asian country. He became a believer recently and I have begun discipleship work with him. My wife is also spending time with his wife, and William enjoys spending time with their sons. This man and his family are refugees and are trying to legally immigrate to another country. He was a physician and owned his own clinic. To say the least, he was a man of means. His family of six now lives in an apartment and they struggle just to have food to eat. In broken English, he recently told me, with a smile, "I lost it all down here, but I gained it all up there!" Please pray for him and his wife. We will just call them Mr. and Mrs. M.

Once again, I cannot express how grateful I am to all of you for your faithful prayers and generous support. We are making a difference for the kingdom of God and are honored to partner with you in reaching the lost for Christ in Southeast Asia.

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

- *Our visits into Pakistani homes
- *Persecuted Christians in Pakistan and Thailand
- *Our Weekly Zoom meetings and in-person meetings
- *Funds for Retirement Visa
- *Gwendolyn's health
- *Traveling safety

- Randy & Gwendolyn Ashcraft

II Thessalonians 3:1 - "...Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you ..."

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