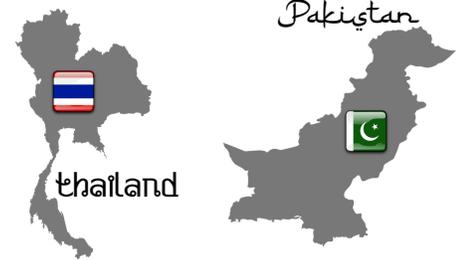


The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia January - February 2022



Dear Friends,

Happy Valentine's Day from Thailand! We are gearing up for our Valentine's Day Banquet where I will be speaking later on today and trying to get things packed up at the same time! Things have been crazy the last few weeks and it is amazing how much we have seen the Lord do through our ministry.

Our ministry outreach on Zoom has continued to grow. We are now averaging more than **40** families a week in our Sunday night service. These are all Pakistani Christians in Thailand (refugees), Pakistan, Canada, and America. My wife began a Ladies Bible Study a few months ago and always has at least **20** in her class. Our Wednesday night prayer meeting is growing in size, as well as the Thursday night youth meeting. On Fridays, I teach the Men's Bible Study where we are averaging **17** men. We have also seen several come to Christ and baptized **5** recently. I'm really not a numbers guy, but I feel you should know the Lord is blessing, lives are being changed, and there was absolutely nothing happening on Zoom before Covid. Our ministry is extending into Pakistan more and more. One of the men in our discipleship class has led **14** Muslims to the Lord since January of last year! All in Pakistan. All using social media. Through the ages, there have always been obstacles to the Gospel getting into the darkest places. And yet, through God's mercy and grace, the Gospel has always found a way. There's no doubt that Satan is using social media as much as he can to weaken and destroy our relationships with God and others. There's no doubt in my mind that we should also be using social media to strengthen and create new relationships with God and others. I feel our ministry is on the forefront of seeing this happen right in the middle of the **10/40** window with Muslims and Buddhists. Although it will be difficult with time zone issues, my wife and I plan to continue every part of the Zoom outreach while we are in the States for a short visit.

Speaking of that, we will be heading to the airport in three days, flying back to the United States. Almost exactly a year ago, we were in Texas facing a difficult decision. Should we go back to Thailand as tourists and stay as long as we can, or wait until the visa that we needed was available. We decided to wait no longer and come back to Thailand. It was the right decision. Over the last **10** months, we have seen people coming to Christ, many others discipled, made hundreds of visits, and the Lord has truly blessed. We have, however, kicked the can down the road as far as possible. On our last visit to Immigration, the officer told us clearly that it was time for us to go! We have already begun the process of organizing our documents so that we can re-enter Thailand as volunteers as soon as possible. In order to do that, we have to leave the country. Our daughter is graduating from college and two of our sons are entering, so we are headed back to the States! This is not a vacation. I'm trying to make as many appointments as possible. I'd like to be booked up every Sunday morning, Sunday night, and Wednesday night. We have projects and a lot going on in Thailand and Pakistan. I'd love to tell you all about it!

NEEDS:

1. Funds for vehicle - **\$10,000**
2. A few more appointments

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Negative Covid test results on Monday
2. Safe flight back to the USA
3. Volunteer Visa for returning to Thailand
4. Continued ministry growth

As always, thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. It is an honor to partner with you in reaching the lost for Christ in Southeast Asia.

In His Service,
Bro. Randy Ashcraft & Family

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(Thessalonians 3:1)

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