

BALLOU FAMILY

REACHING THAI PEOPLE WITH THE GOSPEL



We are the Ballou family, serving in Lamphun, Thailand. Thanks so much for following and praying for our family and ministry. At the heart of everything we do is the desire to see Thai people turn to Christ, grow in faith, and reach others within their community. We are nearing the 10th anniversary celebration of the "Sila" (Cornerstone) Baptist Church, and we thank God for these years of fruitful ministry in a missions team resulting in a thriving local church.



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Recent Ministry Highlights

DEAR FRIENDS,

We thank the Lord for his blessings over the course of the early fall season. With Alisa and the kids stepping back into the regular rhythms of school, we have seen the accumulation of weekly ministry in so many encouraging ways. Very rarely does a particular moment *feel* momentous, perhaps with the exception of a baptism service. Most of the progress that we see in ministry feels like a new believer getting through another booklet of a discipleship course, or getting a visitor to open up about their life over lunch, or a young Thai lady stepping in to her first ministry opportunity in kids church. As we look back on what God has been doing, we see how he blesses the weekly schedule as we stay focused on pursuing lost people, discipling Christians, and training leaders.

Just in the midst of that, we have been stepping through a week in which our whole family came down with Influenza-A. We know that's what it was because it got down into the lungs of Brody, our second son, and caused pneumonia. He has been hospitalized for the past several days as he fights the infection. Again, we are so thankful for God's provision and for great medical care for him. Many have already been praying for him, and we are thankful to report that he is recovering on schedule.

Looking ahead at the 4th quarter of the year, we have a lot of anticipation for how God is at work in this local church. There is a buzz of excitement for two faithful young people in our church to be married in December. We are preparing to celebrate our 10th anniversary on the first week of November, and along with that we have seen encouraging growth in leadership throughout the membership. It takes time to see former Buddhists form the foundation of biblical knowledge that gives them the confidence to step up, and gives us the confidence to entrust them with leadership in ministries. Our church has also made tremendous strides towards purchasing land. Updates on that project have been sent directly to the leadership of your church. We are constantly amazed at God's provision as he leads us in steps of faith.

I want to ask you to continue praying for Pricha, Pong, Biew, Ton&Nong, Zach&Opal, and for Nan. All of these individuals have considered Christ for some time, and we are praying they will have the courage to follow Jesus in the face of family resistance. Please pray as we look to restart our prison ministry, keep outreaches going in 5 local schools, frame a soccer ministry, and pursue opportunities to begin adult bible studies in three nearby districts that are without any gospel witness. Thank you all so much for your faithful prayer and support of our ministry!

In Christ,

the Ballou Family