

# The Kingdom of Thailand



## THOMAS & KANNIKA TUCKER

Dear Pastor and Church,

January - February 2024

Children's Day is a big event in Thailand. The goal of this celebration is to honor and recognize the importance of children in Thai society. Children's day in Thailand is celebrated every second Saturday of January with entertaining and educational activities. Theme parks, museums, and zoos offer special discounts or are free for children. Events and activities, such as award ceremonies, contests, sporting events, and other forms of entertainment for kids, are held all over the country. This is the only day the Government House and Parliament House are open to the public, allowing children to sit in the Prime Minister's chair and take photos with his portrait.

Bang Chak Baptist Church has a soccer ministry in a low income area close to the church. Every year on Children's Day the church has an outreach on the same field. This year it was held on January 13th with games, awards, drawing for gifts, and Bible stories. It offers opportunities for



church families to meet and intermingle with the families in the area.

Please continue to pray for God to call out leaders for our churches and to study Bible full time. Since Covid we have had a hard time getting students. We are trying a few different approaches to gain interest. One is offering classes on Sunday afternoons. Kannika taught 'The Joys of Teaching' Sunday afternoon January 14, 21, and 28th from 13:30 - 16:00. She had 14 students attend from 2 churches.



We offered another class (Beginnings Under Attack) which deals with Genesis 1-11. This class is one evening a week from 18:00-21:00 for 11 weeks. Praise the Lord we have 14 students enrolled for this class.

Please pray for Kannika as she teaches English to her niece (Taeng) online. They have an hour English class and then 20 minute Bible study. Years ago Taeng was showing interest in becoming a Christian. She is very close to her grandmother (Kannika's mom-Rampie). Taeng asked her grandmother what she thought if she became a Christian. Her answer, "I wouldn't like it at all." Rampie sits in the background while Kannika teaches Taeng. Only God knows if she is there covertly watching over Taeng and her interest in the Gospel or if she has a hidden desire to know more. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will work through this to open their hearts to the Gospel.

After the first of the year Kannika's USCIS account started a countdown ending February 8, "estimated time for decision." We assumed this would be the day her interview would be set for her US citizenship. We arrived stateside on February 6. Since February 8 her account states, "Process is taking longer than expected." Please pray we can get her citizenship finalized by April.

We thank you all for your prayers and support.  
God bless you all.

*Thomas & Kannika Tucker*