



Thailand

Hi friends and family!

The time in Thailand is just over halfway and then I'll be headed to Georgia for a week of debrief before making my way back home (first a quick stop in Seattle for a friends wedding from my first race!!).

First, Thailand is beautiful! I've been thankful to be back in the mountains with beauty all around after a month of the city life.

Each week has looked really different here and will continue to for our last 2 weeks. We've spent days in the field helping with the crops that provide income for the children's home we're living at, we went to a youth camp and helped teach English while building relationships with the youth there, and our last few days have been spent teaching english at an elementary school. While we've been a part of these external ministries we've had the opportunity to build friendship with the 13 children that we're living with. One sweet moment that comes to mind from our time with the kids so far is in the evenings we gather to worship as a family and hearing both English and Thai praises being lifted brings life to my soul! What a beautiful picture of Gods heart!

The last few weeks have been stretching for the squad as a whole as we've learned to adjust to a new place and culture as well as group dynamics having their ups and downs. There's no need for me to share all the details of what is happening but I will say that I've been challenged to have deeper love and greater patience. It's been an invitation to the whole squad to asses what the impact of Christ's unconditional love should have on our responses towards each other. This would be a place where I would ask for prayer, that our squad would choose unity and deeper depths of love especially as the end of race tiredness has a way to try come in.

Recently I had a really hard conversation with one of the racers and spoke some hard truths that the Lord had placed on my heart to speak about concerning his actions towards the squad. My co leader and I had been chatting earlier that day about how we wanted to address the situation and had made a plan that we wanted to propose to him about how to bring reconciliation on the squad but we were nervous of how it would be received by the racer. While having a conversation with that racer in the evening he brought up the exact idea we were going to propose to him without us even mentioning it. Thank you Lord that it was upon his heart and what a gift to see the work the Lords doing! And a confirmation that he is in control!

This is just one story of how the Lords moving on this squad and his movement has come with a lot of hard conversations and some wrestles but God is moving step by step.

As we wrap up our last few weeks together I would appreciate your prayers for energy and a quickness to respond to what the Holy Spirit wants to do. I know he's not done working on this squad and I want to press into all that he has for these people I get to lead as well as the people of Thailand.

A huge praise is that I'm fully funded!! Thank you to all who have financially supported me and made it possible for me to step into this unexpected season. As well thank you to all who are faithfully praying! Fruit is being produced from your prayers!

Looking ahead to the future I've been offered an internship in Guatemala at the AIM base. It would mean moving in the new year for 2 months to support a squad that will be coming as well as getting a vision for what longer term missions looks like. I've been spending a lot of time praying into this and would appreciate your prayers as I continue to discern. I had decided to remain focused on this season and not look ahead until I got home unless the Lord brought something up that needed sooner action and that was when I received a text about this opportunity so I'm wanting to explore this option. My plan is to begin some schooling in the fall for theology and so this would provide an opportunity to see a side of missions that I'm highly considering entering into longer term, while receiving and providing discipleship in a new way and could give more vision for my schooling. Thank you for your prayers!

That's just a short update of what life looks like over here! I'm excited to catch up with many of you face to face when I get home late November and share what the Lord has been doing here as well as here how he has been moving in your lives.

Blessings,

Lianne









Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe](#)

