

# THE SALMONS | BANGKOK, THAILAND

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## OPPORTUNITIES IN SPITE OF LOCKDOWN

The Lord continues to give us ways to minister here, in spite of the current lockdown here in Bangkok. I am still spending time with **Boe** and **Bee** each week, teaching them about Jesus and answering their many questions. They recently told me that they have started praying every day and are close to trusting Christ! Please keep praying for them. Over the past several weeks, I was also given an opportunity to teach a Bible institute course by recording video lessons for the Bible institute to use for the students, who are currently studying online. The hours of study and of teaching were a blessing to me personally, and I pray the course will be a help and blessing to the pastoral students as well.



The Lord has also led multiple new people to contact our church for discipleship and Bible study—people that have never even attended the church in the past! One of these is a man named **Ham**. He contacted the church and told me that he heard about God as a kid, and he prayed the salvation prayer to be respectful to the adults who were teaching him, but he never really pursued God after that. He said he is out of work right now, and he wants to learn more. He and I will begin having weekly Zoom calls next week. Please pray that the Lord will guide me and will work in Ham's heart about salvation.

## NEW HOUSE, NEW COMMUNITY

In our last letter, we asked you to pray for us in this scouting phase of our church plant. We were looking for a meeting place for the church, as well as a home for our family in the community where we plan to plant the church. We are thankful to be able to tell you that we have found a house! This house has more room for hosting Bible studies and meetings, has a yard, which is usually hard or expensive to find, and has the same rent as the townhouse we are in right now! Judah is very excited to be able to play in the grass, especially since the parks are closed! Thank you for praying about this with us. We will move into the new house in September. We are thankful to be able to relocate to the area God has led us to serve in, and ask that you would pray for us as we move and begin to get to know the community. Also, please continue to ask the Lord to give us wisdom about the church plant, and about assembling the team God is preparing to serve with us.

## VISA UPDATE

As many of you know, Kayti and I are studying Thai in order to maintain the education visas that allow us to stay in the country. The education visa allowed us to come back to Thailand, and bought us several months of time to work toward getting a religious visa again, which gives us a year at a time. We had hoped the process would be the same as in the past, where changing to a new kind of visa only required us to cross the border and submit our paperwork to the Thai embassy in a nearby country like Malaysia. But because of the current rise of cases in Southeast Asia, there are no countries open for a trip like this. Our only option is to travel to the US and submit our paperwork at a Thai embassy there. Our hope is to get the paperwork and make a short trip in the fall to change to the religious visa. Please pray for us to have wisdom about the details and timing of this visa trip.

Thank you so much for continuing to pray for us!

