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Country of Service
Thailand

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MINISTRY OVERVIEW:

We continue to mentor key leaders in Thailand via Zoom and through biannual visits. We prepare and lead Bible studies for leaders and church members, helping them to understand God's Word more fully. These Bible studies focus on reading and understanding Scripture to use in our daily lives. We encourage, exhort, and join together with our Thai brothers and sisters as they interact with their neighbors. We are also working with Merge Ministries to establish work in Thailand with a Thai coach and regular Merge team visits. Merge focuses on a mutual exchange of ideas, making space for us to learn from our Thai brothers and sisters, while encouraging them with what God has taught us.

MINISTRY GOALS ACHIEVED:

- To continue mentoring leaders through weekly Bible study.
- To continue reconciliation as ministry roles and initiatives develop—through weekly Zoom calls.
- To see structures for raising up new leaders as they grow in the direction of full-time church pastors.

CHALLENGES:

Questions and changes about leadership from last year have been resolved. The outcome has been the planting of a new church in Roi Et. Now the challenge is to see both churches continue to grow and develop, as well as the other churches within the Covenant.

GOD AT WORK:

Seeing key members of our new church plants continue their growth through new learning opportunities (i.e., a trip to Korea with other leaders in Isaan); through interaction at conventions and regional meetings in Khon Kaen; through the reengagement of several key families back into newly formed churches after a period of estrangement; through reconciliation between family members.

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- To see structures for raising up new leaders continue to grow in the direction of full-time church pastors.
- To see two Merge teams visit Thailand.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- Pray for continued reconciliation and awareness of the differing ministry gifts of leaders within our churches.
- Pray that we would have wisdom in what we say to encourage and admonish.
- Pray for an upcoming trip in May and the development of Merge (short-term teams) that will follow. Pray that Merge will be a blessing and challenge to our churches!
- Pray for Ruthie and me as we adjust to new ministry roles, from a role of onsite interaction, to one of interacting through Zoom and Messenger. Pray for effectiveness.
- Pray for continued good health and a more intentional approach to staying in good health.
- Pray for our children and grandchildren.

SUPPORT LEVEL - 100%

Thank you for supporting us financially this last year. Your giving directly helps us with expenses related to community engagement, ministry, and salary. As global personnel we are required to raise 100% of our support every year. Through your gifts and partnership, you ensure that we are able to continue serving in places where God has called us. We are grateful for your kingdom partnership.

PARTNER WITH US:

- Send or join a short-term team (10 days to one month) to minister in Thailand teaching ESL or sports camps.
 If interested, email us at peter-ruthie. dutton@covchurch.org.
- Raise up and send new global personnel!

THANK YOU:

We are so grateful for each of you, our partners, who continue to support us through prayer and finances. We hope that over the next few years you will consider sending short-term teams to Thailand. We will be happy to help, guide, or accompany teams!

TO SEND A FINANCIAL GIFT:

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