



The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia
June - September 2021



Dear Friends,

Greetings from Southeast Asia!!! Here in Bangkok, Thailand, we are right in the middle of the monsoon season. Temperatures range from 85 - 95 degrees, and just about every day in the late afternoon, we get a hard rain for a couple of hours. There is some flooding in Northern Bangkok, but we are thankful that as of yet, it has not reached our area.

Over the last few months, we have really settled into a productive routine that has seen us get more and more done in the area of ministry. Our typical week begins on Sunday morning by teaching a Sunday School class to English speakers. At 6 PM, I preach the Pakistani worship service on Zoom. We are still unable to have in-person services with the Pakistani refugees due to Covid restrictions. On Monday, we catch up on things around the house including homeschooling our children and getting the laundry done for the week. We are currently having to go to a laundromat because there is no city water during the day and our storage tank that fills up through the night will only hold about 60 gallons. It's a minor irritation. On Tuesday, we homeschool and visit a Pakistani family in the evening. Gwendolyn will be starting a ladies Bible study soon on Zoom as well. On Wednesday, we have our mid-week prayer service. On Thursday, we have a youth meeting. On Friday morning, I have a men's Bible Study and make another visit. On Saturday, we get ready for Sunday. Along with all of these things. I am also in Thai language class from 1 PM - 4 PM Monday through Friday. I am already fluent in Thai, but at this time, an Education Visa is the only kind of visa I can use to keep us here.

This past Sunday, we baptized a husband and wife. And only about 45 minutes ago, one of our Bible students led 2 Muslim men to Christ. The Lord is blessing as our attendance in our meetings is growing and the church is energized and unified in serving the Lord.

Several of our refugee families have been moved out of Thailand into a third country. We praise the Lord for that but are going to miss them very much. One family we just took to the airport this past Wednesday. The man is a former Muslim and will now be leading a ministry in a large city in Canada, reaching Muslims for Christ. Later this month, our church will lose its Pakistani Youth Pastor. After being persecuted in Pakistan, he has waited in Thailand for more than eight years and the United Nations has finally arranged for him to move to a city in Canada as well. We are sad to see these families go, but we know that it is God's will and we feel so blessed to have been a part of their lives. So far, every family that has gone to Canada has continued to join our Zoom worship meetings - some of them starting at 6 AM Canada time. I look forward to the day "when we all get to Heaven" and are together again. "What a day of rejoicing that will be!"

Please continue to pray for our ministry outreaches. These Christian refugees are constantly facing physical and spiritual needs.

Please pray for our visa situation as we are doing everything possible to stay in country legally for as long as we can.

Please pray for our daughter, Cynthia, as she continues her studies at Crown College of the Bible in Knoxville, Tennessee.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, our faithful prayer warriors and generous financial supporters. God bless each and every one of you.

In His Service,
Bro. Randy Ashcraft & Family

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(Thessalonians 3:1)

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