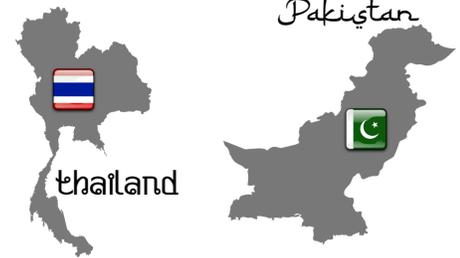


The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia February 2021



Dear Friends,

I pray this letter finds all of you warm and staying well. The last few weeks have been very busy for us. We thank the Lord for keeping us safe during our travels and helping us along the way. Thank you all for your faithful support of our ministry and for holding us up in prayer.

My wife and I enjoyed attending a Valentine's Day Retreat with our home church in Joshua, TX. Dr. Danny Lamb (pastor of Hillsboro Bible Baptist Church in Hillsboro, Ohio) and his wife, Sugie, were the speakers. HBBC is also a supporter of ours and has been for many years. We enjoyed all of the classes and the time we were able to spend together. We also enjoyed getting away from our kids for a couple of days! As soon as the retreat was over, the winter storm hit.

Our electricity went out on Monday as temperatures dropped into the low single digits. We stayed with my mother and thankfully, we had plenty of firewood to burn, and Monday night, our electricity came back on, and then we had rolling blackouts. But at least we had electricity off and on. By Thursday of that week, things had settled down and began to get back to normal. I know a lot of folks around the country were praying for those in Texas and we really appreciate it. Before the storm hit, I was able to make a run to the grocery store and pick up some basic necessities - milk, bread, eggs. They were out of ammo. Hahaha!

Our middle child, Andrew, has started drivers ed. It's hard for us to believe that we now have four children that are teenagers or older. And we are now about to have three children with a driver's license! Time continues to fly by regardless of Covid or winter storms. We left Texas as the winter storm ended on Thursday afternoon. Most of the gas stations were closed or out of fuel or had no electricity. It wasn't until we made it halfway to the Arkansas state line that

we were able to fill up. Fortunately, I had topped off our tank just before the storm hit. We drove late into the night and made it all the way past Little Rock by 1 AM. By doing so, we were able to make it all the way to Virginia by Saturday evening. Sunday morning, we presented our work at a new church and Sunday evening, I preached at a supporting church. I am not going to stop making appointments until we leave for Thailand. For one thing, God called me to preach and I am not happy if I am not preaching. For another thing, our churches need to be encouraged. There are a lot of wonderful things happening in missions today and our churches need to know about that. I am also preaching a live-streamed church service into Bangkok at 5 AM every other Sunday morning. 5 AM in Texas is 6 PM in Bangkok. We continue to plan projects for Thailand and Pakistan and I am in constant contact with those we are discipling. Covid has changed the way that we are reaching out to people but it has not stopped the progress of missions. It has only modified our approach. In the long run, I believe many more people will be reached and we may look back some day and say that the curse of Covid has turned out to be a blessing. This is my prayer.

We are leaving for Thailand as soon as possible. If you would like for us to get by and visit with your church, please let us know. I will always be grateful for the faithfulness of our churches who through all of the challenges of 2020 and now into 2021 have continued to lift us up in prayer and financially support our ministry. May God bless you all!

Please pray for these things:

1. Our return to Thailand
2. Our family to remain healthy
3. That I will be able to make appointments in churches
4. Those we are ministering to in Southeast Asia.

In His Service,

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"... Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you ..."
(Thessalonians 3:1)

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