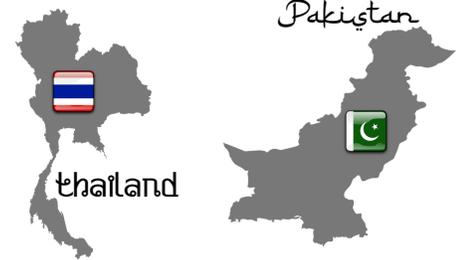


The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia March/April 2021



Dear Friends,

Happy Easter to all of you! We have made it back to Texas and we are thankful that the Lord has kept us safe during all of our travels. Over the last month we have been busy visiting supporting churches and a few new churches. It's been quite difficult to make appointments during this pandemic, but the Lord has been good and between that and live-streaming sermons, I have managed to stay busy.

I have some great news ... We are going back to Thailand!!! The time has come and we have just purchased our airline tickets. My family and I will depart out of Houston, Texas, on May 26th. Traveling to the other side of the world is never a simple thing but during this pandemic, it has become exceedingly complicated. For one thing, when we purchased our tickets out of Thailand the last time, they were round trip tickets, as we had planned to return in just 6 weeks. Those flights were cancelled due to Covid. We will be issued a partial refund for the return flight that we did not use. But not for 120 days. I do have some other great news - our oldest son, Lee, will be traveling back with us! He plans to stay in Thailand for about one year and help in different areas of the ministry. We are super excited about this and consider it an answer to prayer!

Along with the complications of "simply" booking our airline ticket, we also faced the ridiculously complicated process of making a hotel reservation. Thailand requires that we quarantine in a government approved facility for 11 nights and 12 days. Without going into too much detail, let me just say that it took my wife and I about 8 hours on the computer to book the right place and get all of the paperwork to them. They required, among other things, a 10% deposit, copies of all passports, copies of the children's birth certificates, medical forms filled out, flight information, where we will go after quarantine, what state our visa will be issued in, our current

residence information, etc. We have submitted everything they have asked for and now we are waiting for the hotel to contact Thai immigration in order to get approval and a code that we need in order to apply for our visas. Of course, even after we receive the code, we can still be denied our visas, and then we would have to deal with getting refunds for the hotel and airline again. But still, it's great news that if everything goes well, we will be back in Southeast Asia by the end of May.

I feel very strongly that this is the right time and we are doing what the Lord wants us to do. The current challenges that we face are as follows: 1. All of this is still contingent on everything being approved by different government agencies and all of our documentation coming through. 2. The expenses involved. Not only do we have to pay for our flight (\$3,600), but also for the government mandated quarantine (hotel, Covid tests, and food - \$6,000). In addition, the volunteer visa that we have always used is not available. We will be using a student visa for 1 year and the school will charge us about \$3,000. I'd ask that you be in prayer that the process will go smoothly and that the \$12,600 will come in to help us with this expense.

If you would like to receive our weekly video update on how things are going, please use our website to sign up - www.peaceworkersjourney.org. We typically update this once a week and it is the best way for you to have the most recent information on what is going on in our family and ministry.

Again, I want to thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. As we enter this next phase of our journey, we are excited to have you come along with us!

In His Service,
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(Thessalonians 3:1)

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