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"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow." (James 1:2-3 NLT)

Visas

So much has happened since the last newsletter. In the last update we shared how the foundation for the church has become official and legal. It was this change that led us to have to change our visas over to the foundation. This meant we needed to leave the country and come back in with new visas issued by the foundation. Our first venture with this was going to Malaysia. When we did this, they did issue us a visa but the wrong type, but it gave us 90 days in the country to try getting the correct visa again. The second trip was to Vietnam where instead of us getting the visas for the foundation we were denied the visas and issued tourist visas. They gave the girls 60day visas and Arron and I 30-day visas. As you can imagine this has been very stressful, taxing, and costly for our family. After much prayer and knowing that the Lord has called us to Thailand and has not told us otherwise, we have decided to proceed with the visa option of an education visa. This means we will be enrolling into language classes twice a week as a family.



Trials * Faith * Endurance

It also means that in August we will need to leave the country again to Malaysia to be issued these new visas. Since Arron and I only have 30-day tourist visas this means we need to leave the country this month. Arron and I will be going to the Philippines to attend the Calvary Chapel Pastors and Pastors wives conference.



Team

Our team has had many trials over the last couple of months and the enemy is making his best effort to discourage us. In February we had our vision trip to plan for the next year and for encouragement. In March Christian had his motorbike accident and this changed the dynamic of our team. It was in the reality of this accident that Christian and Laura realized they loved each other more than just brother and sisters in Christ. This was a sweet time. however in April. Christian' father. Paul had a heart attack and went home to be with the Lord. This was a shock and broke our hearts. Within hours Christian and Laura were on a flight to the states. In June they got married while home with their family and friends.

Health

Aside from colds and stomach bugs we have been having other medical issues. Christian had a bad motorbike accident in March. Julianna and Jenavieve had minor surgeries in March. Arron injured his shoulder and has been having severe stomach pains. In May Arron had a pulmonary embolism and was in the hospital for a week. In June Arron had several doctor visits to try to resolve his shoulder issues as well as a trip to a hospital in Bangkok in July. It looks like a surgery is in his near future on his shoulder as soon as our schedule allows. Also in June, Vicky had a minor procedure done on her toe due to an infection. In July Jenavieve went to the children's hospital due to severe throat pain and difficulties breathing.

Events at Refuge

We've had two baby showers, one goodbye party, seven birthday parties, four children events (girls tea party, girls chocolate factory tour, girls sewing day and a roller derby), youth volleyball, church movie night, six potlucks, and one new baby.



Prayers

* Please continue to pray for Myanmar.

- * Please pray as we continue to plan the CC Asia Conference in Chiang Mai this September.
- * Please pray for Arron Jr and Jocelyn as they are at Liberty University.
- * Please pray for our children in homeschooling as it's been rough keeping up lately.

* Please pray for the new believers in Thailand to know how to walk in their new faith and for guidance on how to best come alongside of them in this.

* Please pray for Refuge Fellowship Chiang Mai.

* Please pray for the Lord to send us someone to serve passionately in sound and media.

* Please pray for financial provisions for; education visas and travel(\$6,000), Dr. bills(\$1,000), our kids coming in December(\$3,000) and to attend CC Philippines Pastor's conference(\$1,800).

* Please pray for our visa approval.

Praise

* Praise for our vision trip we had in Feb.

* Praise received provision for our visa trip to Vietnam.

Other ways to keep connected:

We update Facebook weekly, so if you are on Facebook and would like to friend us, please send a friend request to "Moon Missions." Please make sure it is us before sending request. Please visit the following: our church website: <u>www.refugechiangmai.com</u>, Facebook page: Refuge Fellowship Chiang Mai and be sure to like it.

Opportunities to get involved:

We have a prayer team who sends out specific prayer requests as they arise. They also meet for those able to do so. If you are interested, please email us.

We have other support teams. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact us.

Financial support may be sent to <u>www.ssmfi.org</u> using our account # 2031.

If you would like to send any letters or notes, you can mail them directly to us: Moon Family, 250/52 Soi 7 Moo 3, T Nong Khwai A. Hang Dong, Chiang Mai Thailand 50230

God Bless, The Moon Family Join us for a ZOOM call! August 20th 6pm PDT / 9pm EDT

Meeting ID: 861 2271 8383

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A time for updates, prayers and questions





"Ask me and I will tell you remarkable secrets you do not know about things to come." Jeremiah 33:3