

MESSENGER

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER & PRAYER GUIDE



Paun (second from left) reading Acts 17 outside the Temple of Luang Pu Suang in Si Sa Ket, Thailand.

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AN UNEXPECTED OPPORTUNITY by Andre Provost

Approaching the Temple of Luang Pu Suang, the glorified mummified monk, I pulled the car over to the side of the road. I turned to one of my trainees, Mr. Lert, and asked, “Mr. Lert, could you read Acts 17:24-31 for us?”

We should not think that God is like an image made by human design and skill ... now he commands people everywhere to repent ... he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof to this by raising him from the dead.

We engaged in a discussion about the passage as we approached the parking area. To our surprise, we spotted a shop owner whom we

had met and shared with the previous week. She was busy arranging lottery tickets for the next day’s sale but kindly let us know that she could spare a moment to listen.

Paun opened his Bible to the same passage and began to read aloud. At that very moment, a man appeared at the shop and listened attentively.

As soon as Paun finished reading, the man spoke up. “I am a DJ. Would you be willing to come on a Saturday or Sunday and read that over my loudspeaker system? It won’t cost you anything.”

We were astounded by the unexpected opportunity. Could this be the work of God? Without hesitation, we accepted the in-

itation.

On the following Sunday afternoon, Paun and I were joined by a couple from our newest church. We located the DJ, who was blaring music and making announcements through his loudspeaker system in front of his amulet shop.

As we approached him, he immediately announced to everyone that we were there to deliver a message and handed the microphone to Paun.

Paun read the selected passage, and then I delivered a brief message, passing the microphone to the next person to share their testimony.

We also extended an invitation to

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those in the audience who needed healing to come forward. In a remarkable moment, a man sprinted across the parking lot and took a seat in the chair we had placed before us. We laid our hands on him and prayed for Jesus to heal him. To our sheer delight, he immediately lifted his left arm, filled with excitement.

“It works! I couldn’t do this before! It works! How did you do that?” the man exclaimed.

Soon after, we found ourselves ministering to his entire family. Mr. Det and his family own a shop that sells rooster images and kites, intended for offerings to the embalmed monk who is enshrined in the temple.

Recently, after completing the third lesson of a discipleship course, Mr. Det professed faith in Jesus, even removing his Luang Pu Su-

ang amulet from around his neck as proof of his commitment.

He and his daughter intend to undergo baptism as soon as his skin wound heals. We are immensely grateful for your prayers, which have allowed us to witness God being glorified through Mr. Det’s healing. Please continue to join us in prayer for God to extend His hand for more healings and signs and wonders which can open doors for the reception of the gospel.



Andre Provost, and his wife, Karen, serve with EMM and Globe in Thailand.

THE REMAINING IMPACT FUND FOR 2023 NEED IS

\$945,150

\$1,692,777 GOAL

\$747,627 RECEIVED

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ISAAN

The Isaan people are dispersed throughout seventeen provinces in northeastern Thailand. This area takes up nearly one third of Thailand’s total land mass and the Isaan population in Thailand is 19 million!

More than half of Isaan are Theravada Buddhist. They seek to eliminate suffering and improve their future by gaining merit in their present lives. Ultimately, they are in pursuit of *nirvana*, or perfect peace. They believe that merit can be acquired through feeding monks, donating to temples, and frequently worshipping in the temples.

Many of the Isaan people also combine Buddhist teachings with folk religious practices, such as seeking help through the worship of spirits and venerated objects. There is great need for biblical communication of the good news of Christ in non-western forms that speak to popular Isaan cultural values.

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DAILY PRAYER

1 (SUN.) CHAD | Pray for wisdom for Peter* as he teaches and dialogues with others regarding peacemaking. Pray for strength for Christy* as she works at the hospital and provides education in community health services. Lift up the children in school and in their relationships.

2 (MON.) U.S. | Pray for volunteers to work with the refugee and immigrant populations in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, through the ministries of Hub 450.

3 (TUES.) COSTA RICA | Pray for Ethan Horst and Holly Hollenbach as they begin Vida220 discipleship training school. Ask God to grow and deepen their relationships with him.

4 (WED.) SOUTH ASIA | Pray for strength and refreshment for Clara and Vince* in the midst of weariness. Pray for wisdom to know how to balance ministry and home life. Praise the Lord for the new families being added to the church. Ask God to increase their numbers.

5 (THURS.) MOROCCO | Ask the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of Moroccan Arabs toward Christians so that they will be receptive to the gospel. Please pray also for relief and comfort after the recent destructive earthquakes.

6 (FRI.) U.S. | Pray for meaningful conversations for EMM representatives as they visit Rosedale Bible College and other college campuses this month.

7 (SAT.) MIDDLE EAST | Pray for Michael and Laura* as they work at growing new and existing house churches throughout the land by discipling, coaching, and mentoring pastors and co-leaders.

8 (SUN.) PERU | Pray for Sarah Martin as she serves a two-month mission internship in Peru. Pray that she would share the love of Christ with the students at Promesa school.

9 (MON.) ROMANIA | Please pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they continue to learn the Russian language in order to minister to Ukrainian refugees. Pray for them as they listen to, cry with, pray for, and offer God's hope and comfort to those in the midst of a difficult situation.

10 (TUES.) U.S. | Praise our Creator for sharing creativity with humans. Pray for EMM's Communications staff to flow with inspiration as they prepare materials for the banquet and year-end appeal.

11 (WED.) U.S. | Pray for Michael and Ruthy Hershey as they serve with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team, encouraging the team to grow in prayer.

12 (THURS.) SPAIN | Pray for encouragement and strength for Paula* as she provides pre-emptive resilience support for those working to build peace in difficult areas.

13 (FRI.) INDONESIA | Pray that God would give vision to international church leaders meeting for the International Missions Association gathering taking place from October 13–22.

14 (SAT.) CHILE | Pray for Michael and Nancy Hostetter as they continue to be a resource in helping train and develop house churches and networks. Ask God for wisdom as they give leadership to the developing ministries on Tenglo Island.

15 (SUN.) CHILE | Pray for mission interns to join the work of camp ministry in Tenglo Island, Chile.

16 (MON.) NORTH AFRICA | Pray for A. & A.* as they plan and host a worker retreat October 19–24 in their city. Immediately following the retreat will be two days of vision casting for their region. Pray for the Holy Spirit's leading.

17 (TUES.) CENTRAL ASIA | Pray for God to send workers to the field to work in business for transformation and teaching English.

18 (WED.) CENTRAL ASIA | Pray for Alexander* as he walks alongside local businessmen and for Maria* as she teaches in their sons' school. Pray for the boys in their friendships and as they grow in their faith as they approach young adulthood.

19 (THURS.) INDONESIA | There are only a few Christian believers among the large Madura people group. Pray that they will abide in Christ, zealously serve him, and live in the power of His Spirit.

20 (FRI.) NORTH AFRICA | Pray for the EMM workers from Europe and Africa who are gathering in North Africa starting today for their annual retreat. Pray for both the adults and children that they will be refreshed and renewed.

21 (SAT.) GERMANY | Pray for church development interns to serve in Halle, Germany, and work among the refugee and immigrant populations there.

22 (SUN.) U.S. | Praise the Lord with Binsa* that youth ministry is taking place on Saturday afternoons. Pray for the relationships that have developed as Binsa has gardened with non-believers over the summer. Pray that God will use the conversations to point people to him.

23 (MON.) WEST AFRICA | Pray for individuals and families to be called to join the work of leadership development and church planting in West Africa.

24 (TUES.) THE GAMBIA | Praise the Lord that the exploratory trip that Krystle Thorne made helped to bring clarity as she and her family continue to plan to move to The Gambia. Pray for the remainder of the funds to be raised that are needed for their assignment. Pray even now for the "people of peace" that Nate and Krystle will encounter when they move.

25 (WED.) U.S. | Pray for Matthew Baugher and Lena Kauffman as they participate in the discipleship portion of Advance Global in partnership with YWAM Lancaster. Pray that these months of training would grow their mission vision to see the Kingdom come.

26 (THURS.) FRANCE | Pray for Jennifer Weaver's Mission Support Team to get off to a good start while getting to know each other and training for their roles.

27 (FRI.) U.S. | Thank God for giving EMM's new neighbors peace through ministries using the space at Hub 450. Ask our Good Shepherd to continue the work of healing and empowerment through the activities there.

28 (SAT.) WALES, U.K. | Pray for Alan and Carol Wert as they transition to life without any children at home. Pray for Cerys as she transitions to living in the U.S., Brenin as he returns for his second year in college, and Dylan as he and his fiancée plan their future.

29 (SUN.) SOUTHEAST ASIA | Please ask God to provide an executive director for a transformational business in Southeast Asia.

30 (MON.) U.S. | Pray that the upcoming banquet will provide good connections with donors, inspiration for multiplying disciples among least reached peoples, individuals to join Vision Support Teams, and strong support for the Impact Fund.

31 (TUES.) WEST AFRICA | Pray for a powerful disciple-making movement to occur among every Mandinka people.



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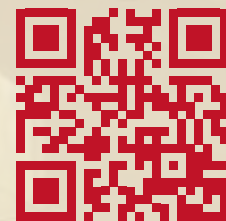
NOV. 2 **DOUBLETREE RESORT BY HILTON LANCASTER**
2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster, PA 17602
6 P.M.

DEC. 6 **WESTVIEW COMMUNITY ROOM AT LANDIS HOMES**
1001 East Oregon Road, Lititz, PA 17543
10 A.M.

MAR. 8 **SARASOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH**
4041 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL 34232
12 P.M.
2024

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WORKER TRANSITIONS

Newly appointed

- Ethan Horst | Costa Rica
- Karen Hess | Czech Republic

Reappointed

- Jon & Heleen Yoder | Sierra Leone

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