



A BAKER'S BULLETIN

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Praises

- ✦ Wonderful trip to Thailand for MK Camp and encouraging fellowship
- ✦ Good responses to Easter outreach and follow-up
- ✦ Met one of my neighbors and had a long conversation with him
- ✦ Several visitors scheduled for this year to help with the ministry
- ✦ Provision for British citizenship application submission on March 21

Prayer Requests

- ✦ Safety in travel to the States to visit family and help my parents for a few weeks
- ✦ Preparation for June Family Fun Day in Boston
- ✦ A positive response regarding my UK citizenship application by September 2024
- ✦ Salvation of regular attenders to Sunday club and Sunday services
- ✦ Strength for church members covering for Booths and me while we are in the States helping our families in April and May

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Answers to Prayer Are Not Always As We Expect

I have been asking you to pray with our team about wisdom regarding our outreaches and other changes in the ministry here in Boston. God clearly directed us at the end of March to close our outreach café for the remainder of this school year. We also felt led to make some simplification changes to our Sunday school program after the Easter holiday break. What we did not know was that God was preparing us for some unknowns. I had planned last year in November to take a few weeks at home in April and May to visit with my family on a short vacation. I am thankful that I can be at home with my parents while we try to schedule some necessary medical things for my dad in particular. Caring for my parents and family members from thousands of miles away is one of the hardest parts of the separation God has called me to. But over and over again, I am seeing His hand directing me. I must learn to hold loosely to my plans and let Him lead every single step of my life's journey. The changes God directed our team to make have allowed for me to go home to my family and minister to them. And at the same time, my teammates will be able to help their family in the States as well at this time when they are in need. We would not have planned to be away at the same time, but God is clearly directing. Please pray for our church members who are graciously stepping up to cover our responsibilities while we return to the States to minister to our families. It has been sweet to share these burdens with our church and watch them help us navigate these days. My heart has been encouraged, and I am convinced that God is at work in this place. Please pray for ones who will teach in my absence and the ones who will preach and lead the services in Joshua's absence. And pray that we will all be able to minister wherever God has us on that given day! I don't think THIS was what I had in mind when I prayed for God's direction in our ministries, but I am so thankful that He knows what is best and leads us as we loosely hold our plans for each day.



Thailand & MK Camp

I cannot praise the Lord enough for what He allowed me to experience while visiting the Joneses in Thailand. My heart was stirred at the work they have there and at the ministry and vision to reach MKs with biblical truth and establish them as they prepare to launch out into life. Matt and Courtney were gracious hosts and showed me so much of the country and the culture there. I was so thankful to have a small part in the MK camp and am asking the Lord for direction as to when I can return to be part of this unique ministry once again. God answered my prayers and gave us a wonderful time together. I praise the Lord for excellent health and safety in all the travel we did. I love the Thai culture, the food, and the people, but I loved most getting to put my fingers on the pulse of the calling and burden God has given the Joneses for Thailand. This trip made an eternal impact on my life for which I'm so grateful.

Thailand and Boston Life & Ministry in Photos



Top Row: MK Campers and workers; Two Amandas and Courtney at church in Bangkok; The elephant I rode in Surin Province; **Middle Row:** The group of girls in my cabin at MK Camp; Easter Sunday at the CBC Boston with a record attendance of 40; **Bottom Row:** (Left and Right) Some of the church ladies with me on Easter Sunday; (Middle) The kids' talk about how to be part a useful part of the church body



Please pray for the Lord to use this outreach in June to help up connect with people in Fenside where our church meets. Last year we had an unexpected and really high turnout and started inviting people to

Holiday Bible Club from this event. There are children who come to Sunday school each week now because of our contact at this event last June. We want to do something nice for the community to show them God's love which then easily opens the conversation about salvation with them. Please pray that people will come and also that God would provide the workers needed for this day.