THE CRABTREES THAILAND MINISTRY

Spring 2021

A Glimpse Ahead

A lively, buzzing living room crammed full of active kids and chatting adults all help to push back furniture as they gather and sit down to begin a time of praising God in song. Each week, these brothers and sisters in Christ come together to worship, pray, encourage one another and build each other up. This is a snapshot of the house church community that we will be joining in July when we arrive in Thailand. Once we find a house and settle in, we are looking forward to hosting this group in our home as well as inviting new friends who may be interested in knowing more about God and learning about the liberating truth of the gospel.





Church Families

Two churches that are near and dear to us- St. John's Evangelical Church and Vineyard Christian Fellowship- have welcomed us this month as we spoke and shared our vision with the congregation. St. John's Church in Kenton, Ohio is where Bryan came to the Lord as a teenager. He is thankful for the many years of discipleship and youth leadership experience that he received at St. John's. Vineyard Christian Fellowship has been our church home since 2017 when we began our married life together here in Bellefontaine, Ohio. We are so blessed to be a part of such a God-pursuing church of people as we worship, serve and live life alongside them. Two other churches that are near and dear to us- College First Church and Greenwood Christian Church- have invited us to visit soon! College First Church in Findlay, Ohio is where Katie came to Christ, was discipled and learned to serve and lead as a teenager and young adult. Greenwood Christian Fellowship in Canton, Ohio was Katie's church family during the four years that she attended college at Malone University. We are deeply grateful for each of the various parts within the Body of Christ that we have been blessed to run this Christian race with in one season or another.

In This Season

It is hard to believe that we will be on a plane with a few things and a toddler headed across the globe in 3 short months! (We plan to leave the first week of July.) Between now and then, we have paperwork and logistics to attend to, our home and car to sell, a garage sale to run and things to be moved to the storage unit, language to study, fundraising to do and friends and family to visit with... and all of this in addition to continuing to be an active part of our church body, both working full-time jobs, Bryan taking two classes through Liberty University and raising an ever-increasingly active, happy little 1 year old. There is a lot to do in a short time but we know that God will be with us each step of the way.

How to Pray

- Pray for a healthy balance of productivity and rest as we make all of the necessary preparations.
- Katie is beginning her final quarter at Urbana Elementary. Pray that she would love and serve well up until the very end. Pray also that Bryan would also finish well as he wraps up his time at Honda. We will both finish working the first week of June.
- Our passport applications were lost in the mail system for a month and a half after we applied so our paperwork timetable is very behind. We need the passports ASAP so that we can apply for our visas so that we can book flights. Please pray for these processes to be completed speedily through God's supernatural strength.
- Pray for God's word to come alive in us and His Spirit to stir us & comfort us as we spend sweet time with God each day.

Keeping Up With Us!

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Isaiah 6:8 Then I heard the Lord saying, "Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?" I said, "Here I am. Send me."