

SUMMER 2021

CRABTREE NEWSLETTER

We made it to Thailand! After leaving the driveway of Katie's parent's home on the morning of July 5, we arrived in our hotel room 37 hours later. Elli traveled much better than expected. We didn't run into any travel issues beyond the burden of lugging 7 backpacks, a car seat, and a toddler through airports, without the help of a stroller or oftentimes even a cart. We didn't have any issues at any of the paperwork checkpoints or security checkpoints, didn't have any flight delays or cancellations and didn't have any overweight or oversized luggage. We are grateful for God's guidance through our travel process.



14 Days

As is required for anyone entering Thailand, we quarantined for 14 days in an approved hotel where they administered 3 Covid tests to us (in addition to the one we got before traveling) as well as checking our temperature twice a day. We all passed our Covid tests. We were confined to our hotel room for the full 14 days with the exception of the days when we walked down the hall for our Covid tests. We had a nice, spacious hotel room with a separate bedroom and living space, which was so nice to have. We were also allowed to go out on our balcony.



Quarantine Life

We were able to keep busy during our quarantine. We adjusted from the 11 hour jet lag and spent lots of quality family time together. We enjoyed searching for available houses and video chatting with loved ones. We had lots of time for Thai language study and Bible study. Katie made some interactive memory books for Elli to help her remember her family and friends that she loves back in America. She also worked on orientation items for her new school, worked to earn the needed Christian Philosophy of Education accreditations, and familiarized herself with the school's curriculum books, pacing guides, and standards.



Udon Thani

After we finished our 14 day quarantine, we took an 8 hour van trip from Bangkok to Udon Thani, where we are now living. The Covid restrictions required that we quarantine another 14 days if we flew to Udon Thani, so we opted to drive. Once we arrived, we stayed with a family who Katie knows from her time in Thailand in 2015. They showed us around and helped us find a house to rent. We are thankfully settled in our new home and Katie has started teaching virtually.

Baby Girl

We are excited to announce that we are expecting a baby girl in November! Bryan has now been able to feel her move. Mom and baby are doing well. We are excited to meet her when the time comes!

How to Pray

- Please pray for the Holy Spirit to do a mighty work in us as we read through, pray, and discuss the New Testament.
- For a healthy baby and mommy as we finish the pregnancy.
- For refreshing and mutually encouraging conversations as we video chat with family and friends.

Keeping Up With Us!

Contact us at katiecrabtree23@gmail.com, byrancrabtreejr@gmail.com, or on Facebook Messenger. Follow along with what is happening at ICS Udon Thani School by following their Facebook page at www.facebook.com/icsudonthani/ or learn more about ICS on their website at www.icsud.ac.th

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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."

Isaiah 6:8

