

THE CRABTREES THAILAND MINISTRY

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Celebrating & Reaching Isaan

There is one local body of believers here in Udon Thani that is English speaking, which we have gotten involved with: Isaan Challenge Community. Earlier this month, we had a celebration of the local Isaan culture where everyone dressed Isaan, had an Isaan potluck and worshipped to Isaan-style worship songs in Thai. Here is a snippet from pastor Ben's message that really encompasses why we are here and what our aim is: "Jesus does not come to Isaan to destroy the Isaan culture. There are many things about Isaan that are very good. Jesus didn't come to change those things. Jesus comes to change the heart and cleanse the inside and reconcile people to God. Our goal is to do everything we can so that all can know and receive salvation. We have a desire to see new ones understand and receive Jesus. We want people in Isaan to be able to say 'Now I understand, now I've found what I've been looking for all my life.' Our great hunger is to see this happen with many many people here in Isaan."



Language Study

In addition to the online program, we have been using to study the Thai language each day, we will both be taking more formal classes with a Thai teacher beginning at the end of this month. We are so grateful that our teacher, Kru Ang, is not only a highly esteemed native Thai-speaking teacher but a fellow Christian believer as well. She has taught many of the missionaries in the area and we are looking forward to working with her.



Ava's Arrival

Ava Noelle Crabtree arrived on Nov. 28 at 5:47am weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz.! I will be home with her for 6 weeks and then 3 more weeks for Christmas break. We have two wonderful ladies covering the class. A missionary from Denmark, Annelies, will teach on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and our part-time Mandarin teacher, Cissy, will teach on Wednesdays. Please be in prayer for both of these ladies as they fill in during my leave. We are so thankful to have found coverage.

In-Person Learning

We are so excited that the government approved in-person school to resume! We had our first day of school face-to-face on Monday. As a relational ministry, it is so wonderful to be together with students and staff each day as a community! Pray that relationships between students and staff would be meaningful and point students and families to the goodness and grace of the one true God.



Canada Day

In Science and Social Studies, Katie's first graders have been learning all about Canada! We learned about their location, flag, national anthem, symbols, history, food, holidays, money, sports, landforms, habitats, animals, natural resources and more! We ended our study of Canada with a celebration. Students dressed in red and white, created Canadian crafts, read books about Canada, and even tried some Canadian food! It was a fun, educational day about God's beautiful creation of the Canadian land and the Canadian people.

Physical Recoveries

All of the members of the 2 families who had COVID last month were instructed by the hospital to home-quarantine. 11 days into their 14 day quarantine, military personnel showed up at their houses and demanded that they quarantine at a hospital. They then had to start their quarantine over again. Since then, all of them have physically recovered and been able to return home. Praise God that little Ryan, who is the same age as Elli, has recovered from COVID. Ryan has multiple genetic disorders including Beckwith Wiedemann Syndrome, which made her a very high-risk person to have COVID. We are so grateful to God for the miracle of her recovery. Thank you to everyone who has been praying.

How to Pray

- Please pray that we continue to grow deeper in our reliance on and relationship with God.
- For love and community to flourish to the glory of God at ICS school.
- For the two ladies who will be covering Katie's class while she is on maternity leave.
- For a healthy mom and baby during the labor and delivery of Ava.

Keeping Up With Us!

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

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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."