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2024: A Season of Discernment



John 15:5 reminds us, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” As we abide in Christ, we are excited to see how God leads us and works through us to come alongside church leaders, pastors, church planters, and missionaries to serve them and help them flourish in ministry.

Since 2013, we served in the church revitalization and church planting. After completing our work pioneering an English-speaking Thai church, we entered a time of discernment, asking the Lord to show us where to focus our ministry. As we prayed, observed, and evaluated where God was bearing fruit

in us, it became clear that our focus in this next season would be in training, spiritual formation, leadership development, and cultivating spiritual friendship with leaders.

We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support. Your partnership allows us to serve with joy and thanksgiving. Read below for Ministry Update, Family Update, & Prayer and Support Update.

Ministry Update

Bangna Gospel Church

Since 2023, I have been serving a new church planter named Barney, who is planting a unique Mandarin and English-speaking church serving diaspora Chinese families in Bangkok.

We connected several years ago, through our children’s school and just noticed how faithful and endearing we experienced him and his family. Last year, Barney mentioned feeling led to a transition from the marketplace into full-time ministry as a church planter. Whether coaching, mentoring, or just being a



Bangkok skyline at night

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spiritual friend, we are grateful to be a part of walking alongside this faithful leader to help him thrive as he faces the joys and challenges of pioneering a new and very important work in Bangkok.

We are thankful to serve this new church plant as a trainer and facilitator for their core team leaders retreat last May. We celebrate with them as they pre-launched their worship gathering on September 27, 2024.



Above left: Banga Gospel Church; Above right: Spiritual Leadership Development Program

Spiritual Leadership Development Program

We are currently at the final weeks of the ninth cohort of serving and developing church leaders through ten weeks of discovering, experiencing, and discussing the gospel story, our own story, and how to walk with others and their story. We never imagined that this work would be able to engage over 300 pastors and church leaders, helping them to understand how gospel-centered life and ministry leads to personal and congregational transformation.

If you are interested in this program for your small group or church, please let me know. The longer I am in Thailand, the more I realize that I am serving as a missionary not only in Asia, but also in America and beyond for the sake of Christ and his church—called to flourish and be a blessing both locally and globally.

Busy Months Ahead

We have several important serving opportunities ahead in October and November. We are excited to serve and to be trained to serve.

Rawee will be guest speaker at two retreats. One will be with an organization called World Outreach, where he will lead missionaries in the Southeast Asia through the topic, “Think Rest, Think Jesus”.

The second retreat will be with Langsuan Maitrichit Church, where the topic will be “Full-mily = Fullfill + Family,” where Rawee will be leading this congregation through being a missional family, rooted and fruitful in Christ for the church.

Towards the end of October into November, Rawee will be traveling to America for a ministry gathering of Global Spiritual Formation Practitioners in Mesa Global (formerly United World Mission). The gathering will facilitate discussion about how spiritual formation is being practiced in various contexts around the world, while also seeing how to mobilize formation ministry among global workers and national church leaders.

In November, Rawee we be participating in the launch and training of “Soul Care” by Rob Riemer. This area of ministry is still underdeveloped in Thailand. We hope that this will be a start to seeing pastors and leaders having an integral vision for soul care in their congregations.

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Family Update

Nui: Continues to faithfully support our family as wife and mom, while also connecting with other moms at school, building friendships that allow us to witness to Jesus Christ in word and deed.

Matt: Matt is growing up fast! He's becoming such a responsible young man, taking on a full academic workload with AP Bio, AP World History, Chemistry, and Physics. As a high school sophomore, we see his joy and perseverance in his studies, all while being the co-captain of JV Volleyball.

Mitch: Mitch is in 8th grade and learning to face challenges with a positive attitude, while exploring new hobbies beyond his Rubik's cube (personal best 5.10 second solve). We're excited to see Mitch join the JV Volleyball team with Matt as the youngest player on the team.

Manas: Manas is a bundle of passion! His love for basketball is exciting, and it's heartwarming to watch him pursue his interests with such bravado. He is also excelling in his studies as a fourth grader.



Where are we worshipping as a family?

This year marks our 11th in Thailand, and we're now worshipping together at the Evangelical Church of Bangkok (ECB). For the past decade, we've focused on church revitalization and planting, but as we entered this year, I (Rawee) felt a shift. Instead of leading a church, I'm more intentionally leading and serving my family, especially our oldest son, Matt, who turns 16 this year. It's hard to believe he'll be heading off to college in just over two years.

For years, our family worshipped wherever I served. But this year, I wanted Matt to have a say in where we worship. So, when I'm not preaching elsewhere, we now worship together at ECB, and it's been a wonderful experience to have together.

To learn more about ECB and their preaching ministry, [visit here.](http://www.ecb.asia/) (www.ecb.asia/)

Prayer and Support Update

1. To be fully present with the grace and wisdom of Christ amongst the leaders we are serving to help them experience transformation as they draw closer to Jesus
2. To be led clearly toward partnerships that allow us to fully serve in our passions and spiritual gifting
3. To continue to be faithful and effective witnesses of Jesus Christ day to day with our non-believing friends, helping them to see the goodness and salvation of God
4. To see our aging parents come to a saving faith in Christ
5. To see \$1000 per month raised by end of the year 2024

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