

# THE SHORT FAMILY

## MISSIONARIES TO THE CHINESE

*2Th 3:1 Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you:*

Dear Praying Friends,

Thank you for your continued prayer and support. Currently I am writing this while our family is in home quarantine for Covid. We became ill while helping with a revival last week in Roy Et, which is a 12-hour trip from our house. Thankfully I didn't develop symptoms until after our return home, as everyone else was ill during the trip. We are on the way to recovery but may need to stay home another 5-7 days. In a way it is a relief to finally get sick, as it was a matter of time before it would happen if we continued to minister. Living in fear is not an option. The needs are too great and the laborers are too few. The church where the conference was held needs revival after two years of restrictions. Please pray for the church members here, as 5 of them were positive as well.

God has continued to lead us one step at a time. In February our children were given their final Covid visa extensions good until April 30th, which would still not be long enough. My wife went to immigration a few days later to see when she could get her retirement visa and ask what we could do for the children. There were two positive developments. First, the lady said Gladys could apply on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. She was also told the children could get one more extension. On March 17<sup>th</sup> they were given a new extension until May 16<sup>th</sup>, which will allow them to follow Gladys on her new visa. They were eligible only because they were on a tourist visa - which was mistakenly given to them in Croatia. Praise God He makes no mistakes!

This blessing presented us with a new problem which God has solved. We now had to leave the country on May 16<sup>th</sup>. Prior to the children's extension, the only option was to return to the States for new visas. This was not something we could really afford. Shortly after the extension we learned that Malaysia would open on April 1<sup>st</sup>. Pastor and Mrs Burke will depart for Malaysia on April 8<sup>th</sup>. We will be able to stay there on a 90-day stamp and

### PRAYER REQUESTS

- COVID recovery
- Wisdom about getting vaccination
- Visa paperwork and travel to and from Malaysia



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conduct the church services after the Burkes return to the States around June 30<sup>th</sup>. We will have time to work out our visas for Thailand. While there is still no visa available for us in Malaysia, we are grateful for the opportunity to help with a present need.

This new development has led to a matter of prayerful consideration. Currently Malaysia has many restrictions for unvaccinated people. While we are willing to get vaccinated for the sake of ministry (my wife making her own choice), we are praying that either the restrictions will change or that they will accept natural immunity. God may have a better solution than either of those.

Gladys is finished helping teach English in the mountain school. Near the end of the school year, she had opportunity to lead several students to Christ. One girl was especially excited about getting saved. This school is in the village that doesn't have a church yet. Recently the village was shut down because of a Covid outbreak. Please pray for the spiritual needs of this village.

We are thankful that two people received Christ while visiting our house. One lady (Nok) was saved while attending special services on marriage. The other lady was our landlady's adult daughter (Sheilagh). She came to our house to discuss a leak in the roof and schedule a repairman. Gladys had been praying for a chance to witness to her, as she speaks English well. God used a small hole to open the door for salvation!

We have been able to help some with the new church plant. Darryn and Leilani went on the last work trip with the teens and young adults from the ministry. The last day they had a youth outing in the mountain. I am thankful my children have opportunities to serve with God's people and have fun at the same time.

In spite of the church's busy schedule, I was able to start training workers in a discipleship course. We completed the first level of four lessons while they were working on the new mountain church. There are two more levels consisting of eight lessons each. The course is simple but allows the teacher trainee to study further on the lessons.

While arranging details for our three-month trip to Malaysia, we made contact with some Filipino Baptists. There is an avenue of ESL evangelism ministry I may be able to pursue upon our return in August. This is a matter I have been praying about for some time. Nothing is definite, so I will wait to say more about it lest I get ahead of God.

We will send a special prayer letter if there are any major changes to our plans or special prayer needs.

By His Grace,  
Darrin and Gladys Short



Mountain School Students Receiving Christ



Youth Workers and Staff



Nok Getting Saved



Cooking For Revival



Kids Singing



Discipleship Training Class



Preaching in Pastor Sumatra's Church



Sheilagh



Marriage Class



Revival Service Singing



Rafting Trip in Thailand



Work Day



Sunday Drive - Changing a Tire