



The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia



May/June 2024

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your faithful prayers and support. The last two months can be summed up in one word and that word is **EVENTFUL!!!** The end of April, our son Lee proposed to a sweet girl, Katy, and she said yes! They are engaged to be married on August 31st. We are so proud of both of them and ask that you pray for them as they feel called to serve the Lord on the mission field. When they arrive on the mission field, Lee will be a fourth generation missionary. An Ashcraft has been on a foreign field somewhere continuously for the last 63 years and counting. Praise the Lord!

The first week of May, we celebrated graduation at Crown College of the Bible as our son, Lee, graduated with a degree in Automotive and Diesel Mechanics, and our son, Andrew, graduated with a degree in Cybersecurity. Our future son-in-law at the time, Clay Quick, graduated with a degree in Youth Ministry. And our now future daughter-in-law, Katy Akers, graduated with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I cannot tell you how proud we are of all of "our" kids. We love them and can't wait to see how God is going to use them.

On Saturday, June 8th, our daughter, Cynthia, married Clay Quick. It was a beautiful wedding ceremony and we are grateful for all of those who helped and participated. Clay and Cynthia are currently on their honeymoon and as soon as they return, Clay will be leading Junior Camp at our home church, Joshua Baptist, and will continue serving in the Children's and Bus Ministries. We are so happy to see both of them serving the Lord! Please keep them in your prayers as they adjust to serving the Lord together.

I have continued making appointments and have a few dates available. We have plans to be at our son's wedding on August 31st, and then return to Thailand in October. We are still unsure about our visas, so please be in prayer about that. We may wind up getting tourist visas until my wife and I are old enough to get a retirement visa. I am old enough already but Gwendolyn has a year to go.

Through all of this business, we have still managed to be in supporting and new churches almost every single weekend and have also continued our Zoom ministry in Thailand and Pakistan. I have been preaching five to six times a week and last week, I got sick and my voice has finally given out. Praying I can be better by Sunday since we will be presenting our work in two new churches. If I don't get my voice back, Gwendolyn is going to have to do the preaching. Haha

We were excited in May to make a trip to Mexico and celebrate La Fe Baptist Church's 30th anniversary. This is the church that I helped my dad start in 1994. We had a great time seeing old friends and seeing how the church is doing. It was encouraging to us all. I have another trip planned to visit a different church that supports us in Mexico later this year. Please be in prayer about that.

On a sad note, in May, we had two deaths in our Pakistani ministry in Bangkok. Besides the normal issues that come along with a death, we had the added complication of having to send the deceased bodies back to Pakistan for burial. We spent about \$6,000 total in funeral and shipping costs. This couldn't have come at a worse time but we thank the Lord that with your faithful and generous support, we were able to make it through. We were also blessed to receive \$1,300 toward the final costs of our latest church plant in Pakistan. (Only \$700 to go!) I have more to say because there is so much going on but I will have to add it to the next prayer letter. I can't tell you how grateful I am for your faithfulness in partnering with us as we continue to reach the lost for Christ.

PLEASE PRAY ...

- Safety while traveling in the US
- Appointments for new support
- Persecuted Christians in Pakistan and Thailand
- Weekly Zoom meetings

In His Service,
Randy and Gwendolyn Ashcraft & Family

II Thessalonians 3:1 - "...Brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have free course, and be glorified, even as it is with you ..."

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