



The Randy Ashcraft Family

Missionaries in Southeast Asia



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Dear Friends,

A couple of hours ago, tornado sirens were sounding. Hail was falling to the north of us and a tornado passed by on the south ... springtime in North Texas! Thankfully, it all missed us and things have gotten quiet. The last month has flown by. We were busy visiting our supporting churches and updating them on what we are doing. We also visited several new churches and raised \$180 in monthly support. Praise the Lord!

KIDS UPDATE - We have a whole crowd of people that we care about at Crown College in Powell, TN. During Spring Ministry Break, our oldest son, Lee, went to Virginia to teach a Sunday School class at his home church. His girlfriend went home to Kentucky and helped in a Christian Academy. The rest of the crew made their way back to Texas - some flying and some driving. It was a blessing to us on Sunday morning to look into the choir and see our daughter, Cynthia, and her fiancé; our son, Andrew, and his girlfriend; and our fourth child, Caleb. We are blessed in that our children want to serve the Lord and they are building relationships with others who have the same desire.

PAKISTANI UPDATE - Easter Sunday was a great day! We had a large crowd at Bangjak Baptist Church in Bangkok, Thailand. Pastor Ricky Salmon preached a wonderful message to the Pakistani refugees. These are the folks that we are ministering to. At the same time, we had 12 more families join on Zoom. These were families that live too far away or felt it was too dangerous for them travel to the church. Everyone had tea and cookies (they call them crackers) after the service, along with a good time of fellowship. Thank you all for praying for our Easter services this year. It was a wonderful success!

Many have the perception that when a missionary is on furlough, he is able to spend quality time with his family

and rest up. That may be true for some, but my wife and I are way busier here in the States than when we are on the field. Whether I am in Bangkok or here in the States, I still preach on Zoom to the Pakistanis on Sundays and Wednesdays. Then, I preach a youth meeting on Thursdays and teach a men's Bible study on Fridays. My wife teaches a ladies Bible study on Saturdays. And while we are here in the States, I am also typically preaching somewhere every Sunday morning and Sunday night, and Wednesday night if possible. And then there are the Missions Conferences. So, on average, I am preaching seven to ten times a week. And in between, there is a lot of driving. I am not complaining. I love preaching and telling people about what we do. I just think it is good for you to know that we are not sitting around and doing nothing. Hahaha!

Over the month of April, we will be traveling from Texas to the East Coast. I have appointments for almost every single service available. We are busy and God is blessing!

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

A Glimpse from Gwendolyn - Schoolwork and helping with wedding plans - that about sums up my daily routine now. The Lord has given me a great gift in being able to be with my only daughter, Cynthia, while she plans for her wedding. I will always be grateful for this extra time the Lord has given us together to make memories before she becomes a wife. Please keep our family in your prayers as many special moments lie ahead for us over the next few months.

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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