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The Langteau Family
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"Give no offense to Jews or to Greeks or to the church of God, just as I try to please everyone in everything I do, not seeking my own advantage, but that of many, that they may be saved." - God's Word, recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:32-33

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!
NOVEMBER, 2022

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

This Month's Newsletter:
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"Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about: 'Look, you scoffers, be astounded and perish; for I am doing a work in your days, a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.'" - Acts 13:40-41

1. HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

We have so much to thank the Lord God for, and we join you in reveling in Him! The Lord redeemed each of us, calls us by name, adopted us as sons and daughters, and has given us the privilege of declaring His praises! We all have many legitimate needs, but our greatest need is God Himself! We rejoice together daily as we are blessed in His presence. Happy Thanksgiving!

"But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumphal procession, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere." - 2 Cor 2:14

Airline flights are booked for James to return to Thailand from January through March. He plans to engage with Chinese expats, refugees from Burma, and local indigenous people - in a country where Christians represent less than 1% of the population. He will train new missionaries, too. Please also pray that James will be granted access back into neighboring Myanmar. War and deprivation ravage Myanmar, and our Brothers and Sisters in Christ suffer greatly there.
"Let us return and visit the brothers in every city where we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they are." - Acts 15:36b

Yet until conditions in Asia improve, the family cannot return to Asia together permanently. James was in Thailand from October through December last year, and in Ukraine during April and May this year.

Thank you for partnering with us in missions to difficult places. We are considered self-employed even though we are missionaries who serve Christ through an official mission organization. Consequently, our entire personal and ministry budget is raised through donations. Your partnership puts food on our table and allows us to share it with others in Christ, and to travel to the darkest areas on earth to proclaim the Gospel of Grace. Thank you for joining us in prayer, that the world may be transformed by the power of the Holy spirit and the authority of God's word.

"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened." - Psalm 66:18

2. AUDIO BIBLES UPDATE

As a result of your generous partnership with us, a total of $7,339 purchased over 630 audio Bibles! Together, we have met a great need and provided Scriptural resources to impact the 10/40 Window.

These audio Bibles were produced in many different languages including Chinese, Kam Mueang, Burmese, Shan, Karen, and Jingpho, among other languages. These resources are shared among our fellow missionaries for ministry to the people of the nations of Southeast Asia. Below is just one of many testimonial:





The first photo above was included in our February 2022 newsletter, showing one of the homeless men, Khun Somsak, laying on his side with leg injuries. He was cared for and introduced to Jesus through a Lanna language audio Bible. Khun Somsak and others began to listen to the audio Bible and to hear the Gospel proclaimed. In the second photo above, Khun Somsak today has now repented of his sin, renounced

Buddhism, and called upon the name of Jesus Christ! He can also now walk a little. A follow-up Christmas outreach is being planned for the Lanna people in Lumphun village.

"Then they left the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the name. And every day, in the temple and from house to house, they did not cease teaching and preaching that the Christ is Jesus" - God's Word, recorded in Acts 5:41-42

3. MYANMAR STATUS

The suffering and deprivation in Myanmar remains heart-breaking. Please keep the people in prayer as the Burmese military continues to attack civilians, destroy communities, and execute civilians. For example, military aircraft recently attacked a community in Kachin State (northern Myanmar) not far from where James ministered in 2019, killing 80 civilians. This year one million people in Myanmar have been displaced, with many fleeing as refugees across the borders.

Six (6) Myanmar National Missionaries are serving Christ within their own nation, because of your partnership and your previous donations that made it possible for us to send and sustain them through the next year! No additional funds are necessary! Two Myanmar missionaries are serving in Shan State in northeast Myanmar, two are serving in the Mandalay region of central Myanmar, and two are serving further south in the largest city, Yangon. Thank you for keeping Myanmar in prayer, and our Brothers and Sisters in Christ who serve Christ there today.

Ah Lidia Sein: **Pyu Pyu Aye:**





Shane Naing: **Thu Htoo Kyar:**




Thona Ngon Tun: Kyan Aung (Zion):





Please, remember all our Brothers and Sisters in Christ in Myanmar as they serve the Lord and reach out to the suffering people of their nation.

“But on taking leave of them he said, “I will return to you if God wills” - Acts 18:21a

4. PETER JAMES LANGTEAU IS BORN!

Peter James Langteau was born to our oldest son Joseph and his wife Ashley on October 31 in northern Thailand! Peter weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces, and was 18.85 inches long. Hadassah, who is 17 months old, loves being a big sister!



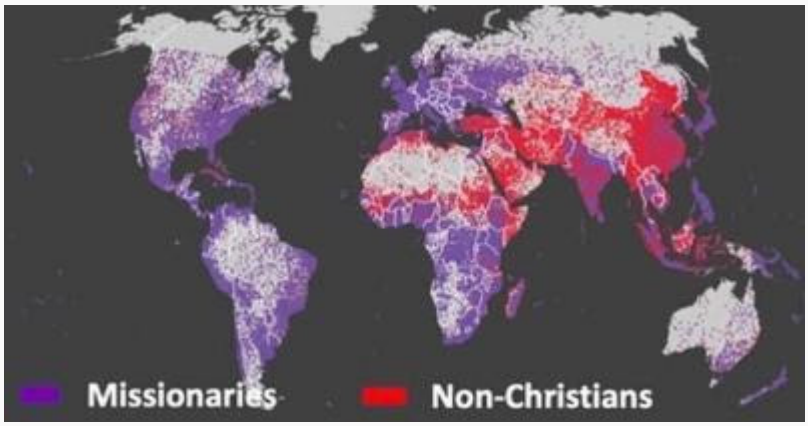

Though we cannot be with Joseph and Ashley right now, nor hold our granddaughter and grandson, we rejoice that they honor Christ with their lives. After additional ministry and training in Southeast Asia, Joseph and Ashley plan to move their family next year permanently to the Middle-East. Thank you for keeping them in prayer as they answer God's call to go and make disciples in difficult places.




"And Peter said, 'See, we have left our homes and followed you.'"- Luke 18:28

5. MISSIONS & THE LIFE OF MINISTRY

As restored people of God, we are called to glorify the Lord, honor His people, and care for the lost. Jesus told us that the harvest is ripe but the workers are few. The map below reveals that few missionaries serve in the 10/40 Window, where most of the people who never heard the Gospel live.



On this day

8 years ago

James N Sarah Langteau

Oct 8, 2014 ·

"The command has been to 'go,' but we have stayed – in body, gifts, prayer and influence. He has asked us to be witnesses unto the uttermost parts of the earth ... but 99% of Christians have kept puttering around in the homeland." – Robert Savage, Latin American Mission

Let us be fully devoted to Christ and the Great Commission, wherever He would have us. - JL

We have been bought with a price, and we belong to Him. Let us care enough to be vulnerable, and to touch other lives and souls for eternity. We recognize that it is better to be mocked and even martyred than to be found unfaithful.

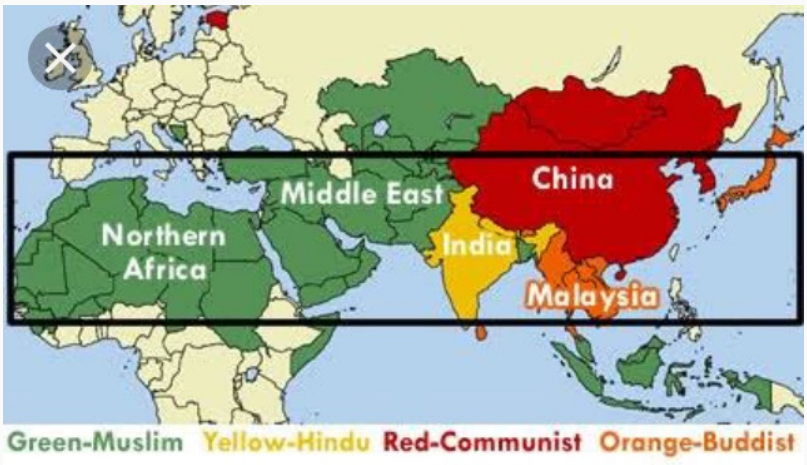
"Had I cared for the comments of people, I should never have been a missionary." - C.T. Studd, missionary to China, India, and finally Central Africa

"The missionary's heart cares more than some think is wise, risks more than some think is safe, dreams more than some think is practical, and expects more than some think is possible. I wasn't called to a place. I was called to Him. To obey was my objective, to suffer was expected, His glory was my reward. I was called not to comfort or to success, but to obedience. ... When God calls, there are no regrets." - Karen Watson, in a "letter to be opened in the event of my death."

Karen was killed in a drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq in March, 2004

"having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame."- 1 Peter 3:16

-THE 10/40 WINDOW:



Less than 10% of missionaries actually minister within the 10/40 Window, where more than 95% of the unreached or least reached people groups live. Thank you for partnering with us! The New Testament model of ministry is to equip and entrust the Gospel to local Believers, "who will be able to teach others, also" (2 Timothy 2:2b). Do you fear the scorn and insults?

"Listen to me, you who know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear not the reproach of man, nor be dismayed at their revilings. For the moth will eat them up like a garment, and the worm will eat them like wool, but my righteousness will be forever, and my salvation to all generations." - Isaiah 51:7-8

Each of God's people are called to place their lives on the altar in obedience to Christ, as He leads each of us according to His specific will for our lives. You may not be personally called to go to the 10/40 Window, but you are called to be willing to go! Yet if a person is not willing to even cross the street in obedience to the Great Commission, they certainly wouldn't go around the world to difficult places. May God find each of us obedient! If we refuse to love those in the pews, it is unlikely we will love the lost in dark places. If we refuse to disciple people in our community, it is unlikely we will answer the call to disciple people in the ghettos of the 10/40 window.
"But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God." - Acts 20:24

6. FAMILY

We continue to host many people and families we minister to in the community, opening our door and hearts to encourage others in Christ. We submit our will daily to the Lord, whatever He decides. Therefore we have peace and fulfillment! Daily we grow together in the grace of Christ while hiding God's word in our hearts together and sharing it with others. May each of us know Christ and be known by Him.

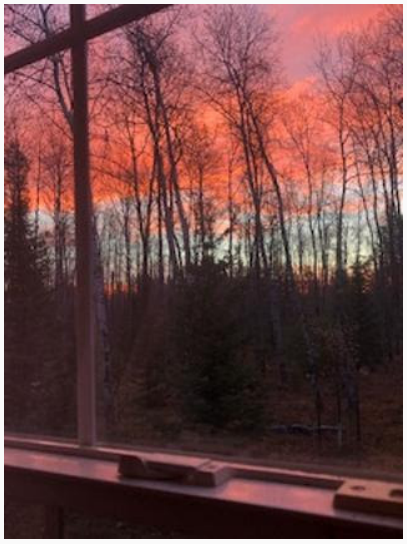




In October on Mom's birthday, the five children at home hug Mom as she reads cards from the two adult sons who live far away. On right, Dad also had a birthday celebration in October!




Our family met an Iranian man, Abbas Mamdani, and his son in a local gas station. They are now living in Chicago but were traveling. We extended hospitality and shared Christ with him, and we exchanged contact information. Please remember them in prayer!

Our son Noah (25) visited earlier this autumn from medical college. On right, we watched a beautiful November sunrise recently as God painted the sky pink and orange.

"*knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." Colossians 3:24*

7. PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Thank you for your prayers for our family! James is scheduled to fly back to Southeast Asia, and remain there between January and March. He will minister in Thailand to Thai, Chinese, and to various refugee groups from Myanmar. If a visa is granted into Myanmar, he will also return there to serve. We are called to encourage our suffering Brothers and Sisters in Christ who live under oppression and war. These are uncertain and quickly changing times, and we appreciate your

continued prayers. Please pray that each of us would glorify the Lord with our lives, hunger after the Word, and continue to grow in the image of Christ while testifying to the Gospel of God's grace.

2. Please continue to pray for our oldest son Joseph (27), his wife Ashley. They have moved to Southeast Asia with their daughter Hadassah, and their son Peter James was recently born there. After serving there and receiving additional training, they plan to move directly to the Middle-East.

3. Our son Noah (25) is in his third year of medical college at Liberty University College of Medicine with an Air Force scholarship. Noah has been assigned to participate in rotations at a hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois as part of his training. He is tested regularly both on-site and via distance learning. After graduation and his obligation as an Air Force surgeon, Noah has a heart for medical missions.

4. Please continue to pray for the people of Southeast Asia and South Asia. Thailand is less than 1% Christian and is in need of both revival and serious discipleship. Myanmar is suffering from civil war, disease, hunger, and deprivation, and our Brothers and Sisters there are in difficulty. Most missionaries in China have been banished over the past few years, and China is increasingly persecuting the Church. Vietnam and Laos continue to marginalize the Church, and Cambodia remains spiritually dark. Pakistani believers are fervent for Christ and seek to grow in Him, but are under constant threat. Pray that God's people will boldly speak the truth in love, and that the Holy Spirit will bring light into darkness.

5. Thank you for continuing to pray specifically for Abraham Bible College (ABC) in Yangon, Myanmar. The small Bible College is poor but the students are committed to being equipped to serve Christ within their own nation. Please rejoice that together we have provided necessary financial support to empower graduates to serve in the mission field within their own nation, where they can impact Myanmar for Christ in these most difficult times.

6. Please pray for the Chinese expat community in Northern Thailand, as we evangelize the lost and disciple the new Believers. Rejoice with us in how God has softened their hearts as they fervently responded to us in earnest desire for discipleship! We regularly receive correspondence from them, as they eagerly grow. Please pray that each person will go on to disciple others, and thus impact souls in this community and their home country. We miss them dearly!

7. Please continue to pray for Mohamed from Egypt who lives in Thailand. Mohamed now lives in our old home in Chiang Mai! Rejoice with us that God intervened so that he is not separated from his 4 year old

daughter. Please also pray that local believers continue to effectively disciple Mohamed as he grows in Christ.

8. Likewise, please pray that all Believers everywhere will obey Christ's command to make disciples, so that men like Mohamed and others may be intentionally engaged in powerful ways just as the Lord calls us to.

9. Pray that the audio Bibles which have been purchased will continue to be distributed properly and with godly effect throughout Southeast Asia. Also, pray for the souls of people who will hear Scripture from these audio Bibles. The audio Bibles are in various languages from China, Burma, and Thailand.

10. Please pray for all parties involved in the conflict in Ukraine, that souls would be drawn to Christ in repentance and genuine belief, and that the chains of bondage would be broken.

"But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." - Acts 6:4



<u>THANK YOU!</u>

Your partnership with us puts food on our table and allows us to share it with others. Thank

you for your faithfulness with us as we journey through life together in Christ! May Christ be glorified in all things, may we be obedient to make disciples, and may each of us be found faithful in Him.

Sincerely yours and His,
James and Sarah Langteau
- Isaiah, Elijah, Caleb, Nehemiah and Elisabeth - and the extended family

"By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin." - Hebrews 11:24-25

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