The Langteau Family
serving Christ in Southeast Asia, South Asia, and the Middle-East



"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." **- Philippians 1:3**

FEBRUARY 2022 NEWSLETTER

Dear Friends and Family in Christ,

Please pray for us as we facilitate administrative and ministry efforts to support missions while in the United States, and work to return to Southeast and South Asia this year. 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). That is our goal!

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love." - 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

RAISING FUNDS TO PURCHASE 521 AUDIO-BIBLES:

GREAT NEWS! Thank you for your generous donation of $4,820 toward the $6,000 goal needed to provide 521 audio Bibles to the people groups in Southeast Asia. Audio Bibles are needed to reach both illiterate and unreached people groups with the Word of God, including those who speak Chinese, Kam Mueang, Burmese, Shan, Karen, Jingpho, etc.



An audio Bible, now available in various languages, to people literally desperate for truth and liberation in Christ.

Even though we have Scripture readily available to us in the Western World, let us NEVER fail to appreciate the immense importance of God's Word to daily life. For faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. Many people in the 10/40 Window have never had access to God's Word. PLEASE, prayerfully consider donating to this urgent need! And 100% of all donations go to audio Bibles:

To donate by mail:
Empower International
PO Box 4868
Chicago, IL 60680 USA
with "Audio Bibles" in the memo

To donate on-line:
https://www.classy.org/give/385262/#!/donation/checkout

"So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ." - Romans 10:17





We make the audio Bibles with other Christians, after purchasing the parts at the lowest cost for the best quality, and distribute them with other Believers to promote evangelism and discipleship in the 10/40 Window.



A Chinese boy listening to God's word in Mandarin. Together we are seeing lives and families transformed!





We supplied Lanna language audio Bibles in December to Believers requesting them for ministry to homeless people.

"Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few'" - Matthew 9:37

PRAY FOR VISA TO PAKISTAN & MYANMAR:

James booked a hotel in Lahore, Pakistan and was preparing to travel when the Pakistani Government advised against visiting Pakistan at this time, due to general safety concerns. Pakistani authorities advised to wait 6 months before applying for a visa, due to the current threat level. In addition, the Burmese Government will not even accept submission of a visa application because their border is closed due to the civil war.

Please pray that the Lord re-opens the door into Myanmar and Pakistan. And continue to pray for our Brothers and Sisters in Christ living in difficult places, that they will be equipped and prepared to disciple their own people under adverse conditions.

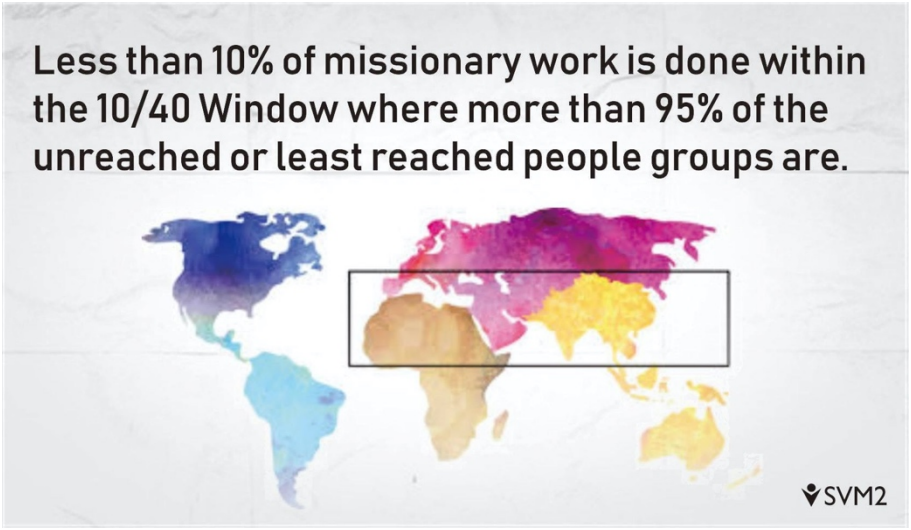
Please pray for Pakistan, where many people groups "have no churches, no Christians, no missionaries, and no witness. Pakistan is the world's second-largest concentration of unengaged, unevangelized peoples and the word's second largest Muslim population. Few countries, if any, represent a greater challenge for missions," according to Jason Mandryk in his book, Operation World.



Pakistani believers suffer from persecution, extremism, poverty, corruption, discrimination, slavery, limited educational opportunities, and violence.

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer." - Romans 12:12

THE 10/40 WINDOW:



"Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus." - 2 Timothy 2:3

Less than 10% of missionary work is done within the 10/40 Window, where more than 95% of the unreached or least reached people groups live. Thank you for partnering with us!

"Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." - Jesus, recorded in Matthew 10:16

TOM ROSELY'S CONTINUED DISCIPLESHIP:

Thank you for your continued prayers for Tom Rosely. Our Brother, Mike P, continues to disciple Tom and love on him in the Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Tom has recovered completely from the laceration on his head received from a fall in early January. Tom has a walker both down-state Michigan where he lives, and one in his cabin in the woods, and is now regularly using the walker. Mike recently discussed Romans 8:1 with Tom. They celebrated together that there is now no condemnation in Christ because of the exchange of our sins for Christ's righteousness, made available by grace through faith. Rejoice with us that Mike is sharing this journey together in Christ with Tom, both in discipleship and in worshiping together on Sunday mornings at Church.



"But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." 2 Peter 3:18

CELEBRATING OUR 28TH ANNIVERSARY:

We are celebrating our 28th wedding anniversary, and we are grateful for God's grace and mercy in our lives, our marriage, and our family!



As much in love with God and each other as ever, as we celebrate 28 years of marriage and blessings in Christ this month!

Isaiah turns 18 years old this month:



Isaiah, our third son, turns 18 years old at the end of February. As we prepare to celebrate his birthday, we admire his transition into adulthood. Isaiah has grown into a mature and godly young man, and we thank God for him! He studies and applies Scripture to his life as he grows in Christ. Isaiah is studying to take the national SAT test. He is excited to be hired at a local saw mill, and plans to start working after his birthday.

Elijah, age 13, traps a bobcat:



Elijah, our fourth son, holds a bobcat he successfully trapped on January 31. This is the second bobcat Elijah caught in two years of learning to trap. Bobcat are predators of deer. The family is proud of the woodsman that Elijah is becoming. Besides memorizing and applying Scripture to his life, he also helps teach his younger siblings.

The three youngest children:



Nehemiah (9), Elisabeth (7), and Caleb (11) share joy and life together.
Our fifth and sixth sons, and our daughter, growing in grace and stature.

Home in the Wood:



Living off-grid in a cabin deep in the woods, because it is affordable and facilitates missions.

Memories:



Photos and memories. Rejoicing in what God has done and will do.

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit." - 2 Cor 3:17-18

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Please continue to pray for our family. 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. Please pray for oldest son Joseph (27) and his wife Ashley and daughter Hadassah as they prepare to move permanently to the foreign mission field this year to ultimately serve Christ in the Middle East. Our son Noah (24) is in his second year of medical college with an Air Force scholarship.

2. Please 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 increasing 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.

3. Please 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. Like most schools, ABC was closed for a time as a result of the military coup last February, violence, and sicknesses, but is now re-opened. Please pray that the students and graduates will continue to impact the nation for Christ in these most difficult times.

4. Please continue praying for the three neighborhood outreaches to Shan refugee

camps that we helped establish and which meet when able during this time of Covid restrictions. These are among the poorest people in Chiang Mai, and they are predominantly Animists. Please pray that they will increasingly respond to God's call and then grow in discipleship.

5. 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 eagerly responded to us in earnest desire for discipleship! Please pray that each person will go on to disciple others, and thus impact souls in this community and their home country.

6. Rejoice with us over the salvation of Mohamed from Egypt, who responded to God's call on Him to repent and surrender to Christ! Please also pray that as our dear friend Aaron begins discipleship, that the transition will be seamless and Mohamed will continue to grow in Christ. Likewise, please pray for all Believers everywhere will obey Christ's command to make disciples, that men like Mohamed may be intentionally engaged in powerful ways just as the Lord calls us to.

7. Pray that 521 audio Bibles may be purchased and distributed throughout Southeast Asia. Also, pray for the souls of people who will hear Scripture from 45 audio Bibles which James purchased and distributed in discipleship in December while in Asia. The audio Bibles are in various languages from China, Burma, and Thailand.

8. Please pray for us as we serve in the recruitment of new missionaries, and for the individualized training of prospective Empower missionaries in the US before they are sent into the foreign field. And pray for visa for James to return to Myanmar and Pakistan.

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

THANK YOU!



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

"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