



Prayer Letter of September and October 2021

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“ ‘You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’

These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.” Exodus 19:6

Dear Prayer partners,

In Exodus 19 (QT done on 9/22), God told Moses in the wilderness of Sinai that Israel will be “**a kingdom of priests and a holy people.**” God ordered the Israelites to sanctify themselves for two days and wait for three days before He comes down to Mt. Sinai. I remember one sermon from this month that talked about how there is a spiritual traffic light in our lives. **Stay-** Luke 24:49 “He said, “Stay.” **Wait-** Acts 1:4-5 “Do not leave... Wait for what he promised” **Receive-** Acts 1:8 “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you” When we were planting a new church in Bangkok 2001, we had to wait for a year to see a believer. There was a spiritual challenge of waiting upon God which was a difficult time, but we grew in spiritual maturity. Some people even drive through a red light claiming, “in the name of Jesus”. It seems important for us to discern what kind of situation we should stay or wait in our relationship with the Lord and when we can receive the blessing of the Holy Spirit and live a fruitful life. What is the spiritual traffic light on you in your current situation?

Even after living in Thailand for 25 years, missionaries still have to rely on visas like strangers. After losing our religious visas, while praying we found a way to apply for a retirement visa, and we are in the process of the application. The necessary documents still have to come from Thailand, and the insurance problem has to be resolved. By the beginning of October, we hope that all the documents will be ready, and the visa will be issued before we leave LA.

Please pray that all visa documents are well prepared and we can obtain retirement visas before our departure on Oct. 27th.

Woody is busy with the online meetings for recruiting an OM Asia regional financial mobilization team. He is currently 1.) interviewing a Singaporean volunteer for a graphic design position and a Filipina worker for communications. Both of them have worked in OM before 2) hiring professional fundraisers 3) discussing with the OM East Asia Field leaders and board of directors for possible events of 2022 fundraising and 4) actively learning the Financial Assistance Computer Program (CRM) online.

Please, pray for the recruitment of the OM East Asia FD team and the strategy and event preparation for 2022 Asian financial mobilization.

Before our departure to Thailand, there is an annual conference (East Asia Gathering) for OM East Asia leaders from October 19-21, which will be held online. Woody will lead the Asia Financial Mobilization Vision Seminar on the 21st. He will present how to East Asia plans to become self-sustainable with fundraising in East Asia alone. Ultimately, the vision is not for us in East Asia, but also to be able to share the blessings of finance with other continents as we put into practice God’s words- “Giving is better than receiving.”

Please, pray for many OM workers to join the EAG conference and prepare for the new vision God has given us.

Woody is serving in the search committee for the new OM Singapore Field Leader. The committee meets every other month and in addition he has to attend many more FD meetings. He needs wisdom and strength to keep up the good work. Please also pray for good closure with saying goodbye to loved ones, family and friends. Thank you for your prayers and support. May the autumn be filled with the peace and grace of the Lord to you all. Blessings,

Woody, Esther, Irene, Nathan, Diane Kim

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