

Prayer Letter of January January & February of 2024

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Dear Prayer Partners,

Greetings with a blessed Lunar New Year!

Many people ask, "What do you do in the ministry? "Most missionaries focus on church planting, seminary, or campus ministry in one country, but you have a ministry in many countries!" Sometimes, I wish I could explain and share what I do more clearly. For the first 25 years, we were involved in campus ministry, two church plants, and the founding of OM Thailand, but now our role is to serve as leaders in the Eastasia area for projects and financial development. This is different from what many Korean missionaries do, so it may seem new to some people. As Phil. 2 says, with humility and patience, we believe that the Lord has called us to assist with projects, leadership development, and fundraising in 16 countries in East and Southeast Asia

and that God is pleased in this ministry. We are thankful that the Doulos Hope Ship has embarked on its maiden voyage in 2023, spearheading the fundraising events in Malaysia and Thailand to offer scholarships for 10 young leaders from the Mekong region to join the ship for a year. At present, one brother from Myanmar has joined Doulos Hope in January through OM Korea, and two more are in the pipeline from Vietnam. **Pray for guidance on how to send the 10 Mekong natives to the ship in 2024**.



This year, the OM Vietnam branch was officially established, and the required project finance was posted. We are eager to work with local churches and young Christians to foster partnerships and leadership in the country. **Pray that OM Vietnam will receive the funds to run the ministry and the Doulos Hope will be able to visit the country.**

Esther has been diligently studying and practicing for her one-year training at the OM Coaching Academy, which will end this August. She also leads weekly prayer meetings for Malaysians, Thais, Indonesians, and Koreans in the Prayer Through the Scripture ministry. She is thankful that those who have finished this ministry have

initiated a new PTS ministry, and that the PTS teams are thriving and seeing their prayers answered. **Pray for her stamina and insight as she leads the meetings day and night.**

When we are invited to the OM Thailand retreat in April, we couldn't believe that four years had already passed under the leadership of OM Thailand's Country leader, Lynchee. At the beginning of December, Lynchee and other Thai leaders hosted a Mission In Action mission conference, for the first time in Thai history, and we are delighted to hear that 350 young people have participated and 15 people committed to a long-term mission.

Pray for the church in Thailand to experience revival through spirituality through giving finance and sending missionaries to global missions.



During our visit to the U.S., Woody's eldest brother unexpectedly passed away on the day of our scheduled departure (1/20), so he went from Los Angeles to New York to officiate the funeral service on January 24 and the whole family gathered he preached the gospel. Thankfully, all the funeral arrangements went well, the brothers had time to reconcile, and we were fortunate enough to be able to attend the funeral while we were in the United States, and we thank you for your prayers. God bless,

Woody, Esther, Irene, Nathan, Diane Kim