



Divine Disruptions

The Christmas story is full of accounts of people who are faced with unexpected interruptions in their lives. Joseph, finds out his fiancé is pregnant. Mary, nine months pregnant, finds out she needs to take a long journey. Later, Mary and Joseph are told they need to take their new child to Egypt. All of these were major disruptions God brought into their lives. Similarly, many families at Grace International School are folks who find themselves faced with the reality of having major disruptions come their way. Some have to pack up and leave the country they are ministering in--sometimes without much warning.

This year, GIS has had a larger than normal group of families who have found their way to Thailand. The L family is a great example of this. Having served in China for 12 years, the government began pulling in colleagues of theirs for questioning. Knowing the end was in sight, they began looking for options. They had been to Chiang Mai a number of times. They knew the city and knew that it had solid educational options for their kids. So, leaving a 12 year history behind, they found their way to Thailand where their 3 kids have settled into GIS as they wait on God's plan for the future.



Thanks for your support in helping this school be a place where unexpected interruptions can be softened a bit for families. While interruptions and disruption are often a part of the resistance that the enemy brings, God is building His kingdom and nothing will stand in His way.

Isaiah 55:8-9 *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.*



We want to wish all of you a blessed celebration this Christmas. May the truths and wonder of this season settle in your hearts in a new and joyous way as you reflect on the birth of our Savior.

Bob & Marcia

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. — Isaiah 9:6-7

We'd LOVE to hear from you!

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Praises

- For enough teachers and staff to provide a solid academic program
- New campus construction is making great progress for the critical facilities for next year. Summer 2019 will be the big move!
- Our faithful support partners continue to pray and provide for our financial needs.
- Allison's first year is getting a bit easier as she grows in her classroom management skills.
- Nolan is loving the opportunities to learn, grow and serve at Lost Valley Ranch in CO
- Ryan has finished his first semester and is looking forward to hosting 3 friends from Thailand over the Christmas holidays.

Prayer Requests

- For new teachers and staff for next year. Bob needs 1 high school English teacher.
- For continued progress on the new campus and for additional funds to complete the cafeteria for next year.
- For Alex as he begins to explore options for after the Marines.
- For connections for Marcia as she looks for language coaches to help her strengthen her Thai.
- For hearts that hunger and thirst for God alone.

How can we be praying for you? Please let us know...it's a privilege!

Thank you!

For praying faithfully and giving generously to allow us to serve in Thailand. We are privileged to be your partners here in Chiang Mai. If you'd like to receive a monthly update from us, please send us your email.

