



# Equipping and sustaining the whole missionary for the whole world

## DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY

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Hello from sunny Pensacola! **This month has brought the realization of a dream we never let ourselves think about for too long.** Just a few days before our 22nd wedding anniversary, we moved into our very own house. For 22 years we have rented homes in Thailand, never able to paint a wall without asking for permission or plant a fruit tree and be there long enough to eat the fruit. God, in His goodness, has provided for us to be able to further give our family some roots and stability in our loving community here. These past few weeks I've been finding things in boxes that we packed up in March in Chiang Mai. What a gift! It's like Christmas has come early!

Speaking of gifts, what is clean water worth to you? It's a major gift that we can turn on the tap or pour from a jug in our fridge without fear that we're going to give our children a parasite. **Brian and Mercy will be returning to the land of Brian's first mission trips over 20 years ago, GUYANA!** My kids have grown up hearing about Brian's trips into the jungle of Guyana and all his crazy adventures there. Now that we've returned to the western hemisphere, Brian can go back into Guyana with Pastor Robert, our dear Trinidadian friend and mentor. **Through another dear friend in Louisiana, we have been in touch with a ministry that brings the love of Jesus to impoverished places that lack clean drinking water.** It will be both a reunion for Brian and so many people he has loved for many years and an exploratory trip as they bring along a new friend to assess the water situation. Pastor Robert says that there are 32 villages in need of wells.

Last week, here at Globe, we brought in some of Globe's newest missionary candidates for our in-person training and orientation called Capstone. We are honored to be a part of the training and sending process here at Globe as we continue to provide member care to our missionaries on the field. The first session of our time together was called "Families on the Field" which Globe asked us to teach. **We had so much fun spending time getting to know the new missionary candidates and having some meals together over those days. Building strong relationships with our missionaries is our primary desire.** Without someone to lean on and talk to over the course of our missionary life we will suffer in so many situations that we weren't meant to carry alone.

Brian continues to help facilitate our church's community groups in hopes that we can reach the community around us. The longer we live in America, the more we see the need here. **Over the years as we came here for furloughs, our heart and vision have been so singly focused on Thailand that we were unable to see the desperation in America.** One of my favorite Chesterton quotes is "The most extraordinary thing in the world is an ordinary man and an ordinary woman and their ordinary children." We believe that it is the ordinary people in this world, sharing the love and light of Jesus, that will always bring change around them.

**We are so thankful for all of you that continue to partner with us in this Great Commission.** Please pray for our new Globe missionaries, for our continuing transition as a family, and the possibility of further trips into Guyana. If you're interested in giving toward the Guyana trip, just make a note of it in the memo. May the Lord bless your home and your family!

All our love,

*Brian Mary Beth Asia Mercy Micah Tyndale Creed and Davy*



Emergency stop at the Asian food market. Reverse culture shock requires comfort food.



Two new Globe missionaries living in very hard places. It's our joy to care for their families.



Brian and Mercy are off to the jungles of Guyana. Commission Mankind will join them in hopes of digging wells for clean drinking water.



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