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## Merry New Year

Another year is gone, and it seems to have passed faster than ever. And while we often lament how quickly the time flies, we must also acknowledge the blessings of the Lord as the clock has ticked. This season of the year has been a time for great reflection for us in many ways.

## Family

It has been a pleasure for us to see our girls growing up. Isabel entered high-school this year, and it's been a big step for her. She's done well, showing maturity in her studies and in the choices she is making with friends. Brynne has been working through the issues of holding down some very heavy classes in her senior year, and she's showing wisdom as she thinks about her choice of school and career as she moves on to university. Both girls have done well in their piano studies, and this year they've been able to begin teaching at the piano studio where they learned. We're proud of the way they've handled the responsibilities of teaching on top of their normal schedule. They've done a great job.



Brynne and Isabel with some young students.

## Church

The Christmas season this year was busy as usual. We had our annual all night caroling trip, our neighborhood Christmas outreach, and in addition, we participated in a Christmas outreach in a rural village outside the city. While we're unsure of the effects, we trust the Lord to work in the hearts of those who heard the Gospel. The very reason for this season (the birth of the man Jesus) is one of the truly difficult things for Thai people to understand about the Gospel. They are religious, and much more open to spiritual things than is the case in the US. But the idea that a saviour/God could be linked to a human nature in this way is something very difficult for them.



## ABTS

In November, Daron taught Biblical Hermeneutics in Singapore, and the class went really well. It was an unusually diverse group of students, representing ministry in Singapore, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Vietnam, and Hong Kong.



We had a great opportunity to see how the Bible can have a powerful effect in the lives of Christians. Our Bangladesh and Indonesian students live in Muslim contexts, where a Christian commitment requires great courage, strength, and conviction to find peace in understanding the power of the Gospel. The course was in session at the height of the great difficulties in Hong Kong, and our students from there had many comments about the need for encouragement and wisdom for Christians there. They face fear of an uncertain future, and they must answer difficult questions about how Christians maintain their testimony and continue to love their neighbors.

## Prayer Requests

- As we prepared to celebrate the birth of our Lord, our pastor and his wife were looking forward to the birth of their second child. In the weeks before Christmas, there were some significant health concerns for the baby, amid all the responsibilities of the season. We're thankful to the Lord that the baby was born on the 22nd, and so far there seem to be no complications, but they will need your prayers as we wait to see in the longer term.
- Pray for baby Tawan. He was born prematurely several months ago, and he's been in the hospital since birth. He seems to be making progress, but he's been fighting some ongoing infections that are hindering his health. He has reached the 3 kg mark, but the doctors are reluctant to send him home yet.

- Pray for Brynne. She'll be leaving Thailand for the US and a new life in just 6 short months. There's much to be done, and a lot of uncertainty for her. Thailand has been her home for 10 years now, and so some big adjustments are on the horizon.

As usual, thanks again to all of you, and we pray the Lord's blessings on you.

--The Wilsons

*(Daron, Yunae, Brynne, and Isabel)*

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