



# Prayer Letter

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*"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."*

In 2013, while serving as associate pastor at Coweta Baptist Church, Missionary to Thailand Paul Brown came to tell about the Lord's work among the hill tribes in northern Thailand. I was captivated by the open doors, and the abundant opportunity for people to hear the gospel for the first time. This captivation with mission work was nothing new for me. From the time I was a child, I always looked forward to listening to visiting missionaries and was heartbroken when they had to leave our house, where they often stayed while in town. When Bro. Paul and Sister Susan visited, they gave me a Lahu Bible and hymnal, and I remember them asking for us to pray for them and to pray that the Lord would send more labourers.

In 2014, I was called to be pastor of Grace Missionary Baptist Church in Wagoner, OK. Shortly after, I began preaching through the Gospel of Matthew. After a couple of years we came to Matthew chapter nine. Preaching on the Lord of the Harvest, I remember telling the congregation that the Lord may answer your prayers...with you. This is what we see in Matthew chapter 10. The apostles did pray as the Lord commanded in chapter 9, and he answered their prayers by sending them into the harvest. I really had no idea at the time how the Lord would later use this passage of scriptures to call me to the harvest.

In 2017, there seemed to be an open door to visit one of the missionaries we support in Guyana. The trip was scheduled but not booked when in July our family business was destroyed by a fire, throwing us into a flurry of busyness and change. Unfortunately, this also meant the door to Guyana was closed for us. After reopening the business I continued to become more and more burdened with missions and began to wonder if the Lord could use

the pharmacy and/or my degree to serve foreign missions in some way or another. I was directed to speak with Pastor Bill Lee who often takes another pharmacist, Ricky Cash, with him to Thailand every year. I called to discuss some of the details and workings behind what they do and they invited us to go with them on their next trip to help.

In January, 2018 the Lord providentially opened a door for my wife Brittany and I to visit the Brown's in Thailand with brother Bill Lee and Ricky Cash. We returned to the US with a burden as well as a broken heart, for we hated to leave. While in Thailand, I felt as if the Lord could be calling me and my family there. Not knowing if this was the emotional side of saying goodbye to friends, or the excitement of preaching the Lord Jesus Christ to people who have never heard His name, I kept this to myself and began to pray. During our visit, the Brown's had once again asked us to pray for the Lord to send labourers. I was taken back to when they first visited Coweta Baptist Church, and this has been their request since they began.

In October, after continually seeking the Lord's will for the past ten months, the Lord made it clear, He is indeed calling me and my family to the mission field of Thailand to help the Brown's with the many open doors there. In November of this year, we were able to make a return trip to visit with the Brown's and were able to discuss some of these opportunities and open doors. There are enough men for a second pastor's training in Burma and over 20 Lahu villages that are completely unreached all within a few miles of the area we will be living. This is a great burden to me! To preach the unsearchable riches of Christ among a people who have never heard the name of Jesus must certainly be the greatest privilege on earth! Who am I, to receive such a blessing as this? Who am I to be called to leave all and follow him into this foreign land? I am not worthy! His glory must be made known unto the nations! Praise be to God! Will you please pray for us?

For HIS Glory,

*Matthew Villandry*

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