



The surgical team along with the Umphang Hospital OR staff.



Bob got to assist Paul during all the operations.



Before and after...

proclaiming good news

In May, we had the privilege of hosting Dr. Paul Lim, Dr. Daniel Chun, and Yen Chun in Umphang. They gave of themselves to operate on a number of **children with clefts**. Paul and Bob go back 24 years when they met as interns in the Chicago area. Paul is a craniofacial surgeon and served in Ethiopia helping hundreds of children with clefts. We met Daniel 14 years ago when he was a medical student on a mission team serving in Kyrgyzstan. He is now an anesthesiologist and this was his third trip to Thailand. How amazing is God's faithfulness that we are able to serve together after all these years!

During our long hours in the operating room, we had opportunities to share our faith with the hospital surgical staff. Fa, a scrub nurse, wanted to know more and Tip Boonrang was able to share the Gospel with her. At the end of the week, **Fa gave her life to Jesus** and we were able to pray with her! Patrick and Tip are following up with her this week and hope to help her grow in her faith.

binding up the brokenhearted

God is continuing to bless the ministry of Cornerstone Counseling Center to bring healing and wholeness to struggling missionaries. Grace is serving as co-director and has witnessed the growth of Cornerstone to 9 full-time counselors and 2 interns.



Tip and Yen praying for Fa.



Prayer for Ying as she begins ministry at CCF.



Covenant missionary team in Japan.



Grace giving a talk to the student body at Grace International School (David's MK school).

A new addition to the team will be Ying Woothitha, a graduate of the master's in counseling program at the Torch Trinity Graduate School of Theology in Korea. Ying is part of the leading edge of **Thai Christian counselors being trained** to serve increasingly broken Thai families and marriages. We had the privilege of "commissioning" Ying this month along with friends, fellow missionaries, and colleagues.

rising sun

In April, our Asia Regional Coordinator duties took us to Japan where we had the opportunity to encourage our fellow Covenant missionaries. Grace gave a seminar on **burn-out and self care** during their retreat which served as a good reminder for ourselves as we were feeling a bit stretched at the time.

The Covenant has a rich history in Japan that **dates back 60 years** and now comprises of 23 churches, a seminary, a camp, and a community center. It has been our privilege to partner with the leadership of the Japan Covenant Church as they seek to further the Gospel in that nation.

family happenings

Kara is entering her Senior year at Wheaton College... She is heading into the field of graphic design and is a much sought-after designer. She received very high marks for her Junior-year art critique!

Amanda is spending the summer doing medical research at the University of Virginia (thanks, Mike & Jamie Shim for hosting her!). After all these years living overseas, we rejoice that she finally got her US driver's license!

David has a year of high school under his belt and is ready for the summer! He excelled in Tech Ed during his freshman year and made two very snazzy coffee tables!

We will be heading to the US for a brief time in June in order for Bob to officiate his niece's wedding and take continuing medical education courses. We will also be attending leadership meetings for Serve Globally.



Kara & friends.



Great to have Amanda working at Bob's alma mater.



David showing off his handiwork.

pray for...

- the families whose lives were touched by the cleft surgeries. Ask that God's name would be glorified.
- Fa who begins her new life in Christ. Pray that she would find a faith community who can help her grow.
- Ying and Cornerstone's commitment to raising up Christian Thai counselors.
- Kara, Amanda, and David to have the power to experience God more deeply in their lives and to have a passion for serving others.
- us to maintain "sacred rhythms" of connecting with God in the midst of our busy schedules.

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