

## Pray for .... Carl & Karen Groot serving in Thailand



It was with mixed emotions that we ended our home assignment needing to cancel visits with a few of our supporting churches. We so much wanted to make contact with all those who had requested to see us and who have been faithful in prayer and support. We are grateful to be part of your lives.

While we were in the United States, there was a fall retreat at Cascades Camp, Yelm, Washington. Karen was able to be the missionary speaker at this conference. For years, the women of the Pacific Northwest Conference have supported the ministry of the Abundant Life Center Crafts.

The Abundant Life Center ministers to families who migrate to Bangkok in search of work. This ministry includes discipleship, leadership training, a 'mission business' (ALC Crafts and a children's outreach program). ALC Crafts has become a means of supporting the ministry and we are intentional about communicating the values and priorities of God's Word and kingdom in and through all that we do.

During our time with many of you on our recent home assignment we asked for prayer and wisdom as we faced a difficult decision requiring a move from Bangkok to the northeast of Thailand where construction on a new campus is going on. Our return has offered opportunity to meet and gather new information and perspective. We are glad to report that it seems best for us to remain in Bangkok for now.

### Prayer Requests:

1. For their continued work in the International Community School and the Abundant Life Center.
2. For their outreach to people to come to know Christ as their Savior.

November 2018		
	Offerings	Expenses
General Fund YTD	\$278,150	\$284,472
Missions Fund YTD	\$47,104	\$46,464

### The ABC's of Becoming a Christian

**A** — **Admit** to God that you are a sinner. Repent, turning away from your sin.

"For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23

**B** — **Believe** that Jesus is God's Son and accept God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

"While we were sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:8

**C** — **Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.

"If you will confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

**Prayer:** Dear God, I am sorry for my sins. I believe Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Please forgive me. I ask Jesus to come into my life to be my Savior and Lord. Thank you for loving me and saving me from my sins. In Jesus name, Amen.



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**Welcome to Worship!**—We're so glad you have joined us this morning. If you are a guest today, please fill out a Covenant Connect card and place it in the offering. **Children's Church** (10:30am service) is for 3-year olds—2nd grade. The children gather in the Cubbie's Room downstairs after the announcements are given.

**Informational Meeting** — The Pastoral Search Committee would like to thank the congregation for participating in the survey. The results will be shared today after the second service.



**Angel Tree** — Your unwrapped gifts for the Angel Tree tags need to be dropped off at the Salvation Army office by December 10.

**Waffles & Widows** — Saturday, December 15, at 10am. Contact Tucky at 218.742.6040 if you can come or have questions.

**Directory Update** — We have so many new faces & we would love to capture all of our families for an updated photo! Come to the office area on Sunday mornings (between services) and someone will be there to snap a photo of your smiling face! You can also submit your own digital photo.



**Offering Envelopes** — The 2019 offering envelopes are in your mailbox! If you have a question or need envelopes, please stop in the office or talk to Melanie Clarity.

**Announcement Guidelines** — Do you have an announcement that you need to make? The Leadership Team has recently updated the guidelines for announcements. The guidelines are printed and available by the missions board.

## Community Opportunities ...

**Community Christmas Dinner** — will be held on December 25 from 1-4pm. They are looking for volunteers to help in many different way — people to give rides; music; dinner serving; busing tables, and greeting to list a few. Please contact Lee Grim at 240-5125 or ravenlhg@gmail.com if you have questions or would like to volunteer.

**Bell Ringing** — The Salvation Army is in need of bell ringers. If you, your family or friends would like to help, please call 283-3394.

## The Eternal Word

1. His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*In the beginning was the Word.* John 1:1a

*I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.* Revelation 19:11 – 13

2. His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*In the beginning was the Word .. He was with God in the beginning.* John 1:1a, 2a

*Who being in the very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death – even death on a cross!* Philippians 2:5-8

3. His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*...and the Word was with God.* John 1:1b

*'I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.* John 5:19  
*Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness.* Genesis 1:26

4. His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*... and the Word was God* John 1:1c  
*I and the Father are one.* John 10:30

5. His \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.* John 1:3

*In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe.* Heb. 1:1, 2  
*For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him.* Colossians 1:16

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!* 2 Corinthians 5:17