

We praise God to be able to present you the first IBC Missions Prayer News. We pray that IBC will grow over the next decade into a missional body of Christ. The example of the early church in book of Acts (Acts 13:1-4) serves as our model of sending messengers and crossing cultures and lands to share the Word of God and His salvation plan.

Prayer was a cornerstone of the early church. Consequently, IBC Missions hopes to produce a quarterly IBC Missions Prayer News. Each newsletter will focus on the work done by one of the IBC mission workers, a mission organization that we support and the mission work that IBC members have participated in. Through this communication, we hope that you will be informed of what God is doing through IBC in the area of missions and that you will be inspired to pray without ceasing and be encouraged to be involved in missions (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18).

Dr. Luke Tan

Elder & Missions Chair



UPDATES

Northern Negros Island, Philippines

IBC partnered with 3 churches (Macasayang Baptist Church, Faraon Christian Fellowship Church, and Wonderful Grace Missionary Baptist Church), and Student Missionary Outreach in 2022. This resulted to the support of underprivileged students, and needy pastors and workers.



Last December 21-23, 2022, IBC's Elder Anjo Tejamo, Ben & Irene Perez, and Carol Santos visited the island in the midst of heavy downpour and were used to bless around 300 needy families, 400 students with their uniforms, and 70 pastors and workers in a short-term mission trip.



The pastors and workers were encouraged through a wonderful IBC Christmas lunch. Church members were trained in sharing the gospel. Ten students were sent for a gospel camp, and the gospel was preached in school with over a hundred profession of faith!



Pray for the needs of students and pastors. Plan to visit them this year!



Anjo Tejamo
Elder



Missionary: Ric Poolman (Cru Singapore)

Our work

Ruth and I have been staff with Cru Singapore (formerly Singapore Campus Crusade for Christ) for 22 years. Over 9 years ago, Cru sent us to Thailand. Ruth was an ESL teacher at an international school for missionary kids for 8 of those years. I serve remotely with the Cru US-based Global Solutions Team that equips the nearly 200 National Ministries by connecting their needs with trustworthy systems. In addition, I helped launch a local project in Thailand called DigiServe that helps Christian missional organizations in Thailand use technology to reach more people. Ruth is now in a support role as she homeschools and navigates the household through the many upcoming transitions.

In August, we will celebrate 10 years in Thailand and believe God is calling us back to Singapore. I will continue to work remotely with both teams while seeking to expand what DigiServe is doing to other countries. Ruth will find a local role and serve in Cru Singapore.

Our family

We have four children who are still preparing themselves for the future through education and serving.

- Richard (27) is working on a Masters in Education at Wheaton College and is the student director of on-campus discipleship groups;
- Ryan (24) is serving as a volunteer with a ministry in Thailand. His seizures have been under control with his current medication;
- Rayanne (20) has adapted immensely well to college life at Belhaven University in Mississippi; and
- Richelle (16) has been faithfully doing homeschool and has made excellent progress.

4. Pray for our children to discover further direction from God regarding their future and next steps.

5. Though Ryan will also continue to volunteer remotely with his Thai ministry, we are praying for his discernment and opportunity for a new job in Singapore as he is seeking God's calling in his life. Pray for continual protection from seizures and minimal side effects from his medication.

6. Please pray for God's protection over Richard and especially Rayanne (her college is near some rough areas so we would like prayer for her safety).

7. Pray for strength and healing for Rayanne as she has some injuries but still needs to continue dancing.

8. Please pray for Richelle as she has to homeschool amidst all the transitions and moves across countries. Pray that the frequent changes won't be too disruptive.

10. Pray for family unity and peace of mind as we are separated and spread across the world.

Our prayer needs

1. Our transition over the next 8 months to prepare for Ric to hand over the local Thai work that he can no longer manage directly from Singapore.

2. Also, the logistics of moving back to Singapore, selling our belongings, finding housing, and getting set up to continue in a new way with the local team.

3. The visas to stay in Thailand. This is often a very complicated and stressful situation. Ryan has an upcoming interview. Pray for favor for a new visa and work permit. Ruth and Richelle will be applying for extensions in March so pray that they will be approved,



Ric Poolman and Family