



# Prayer and Praise

from Johnny and Ann McClean, January 2026

## *Thank you for praying*

Johnny's trips to both Ireland and Country V. went smoothly in November-December.

We were encouraged by the number of people in Ireland praying for the work here in Asia and Johnny was blessed by both time with his family and with churches and prayer partners.

In Country V. Johnny saw many answers to prayer as Langham seeks to strengthen and develop the work there. There are a number of younger men now wanting to work in partnership with Langham across different regions and church groupings. Please continue to pray for the church in Country V. which is not only sometimes persecuted but sadly often divided by politics and history. Johnny and other Langham leaders need much wisdom as they choose those who will form the national committee and coordinate training.

After many weeks of travelling, some sickness and the end of the school semester, we were both grateful to reach Christmas and to have no more travelling or major events for a while!

At church, we enjoyed a wonderful children's outreach on December 20, with about 60 children attending from the local communities. Ann was particularly encouraged to see one boy who she used to look after during the services when he was a toddler attending church with his grandmother. We would love to see him and his grandmother coming back to the church regularly.

Our church service on Christmas Sunday was low in numbers, but Lhing and Pramote are doing a

great job talking openly and honestly with members about what the church may look like in the coming year. Not all church members have taken the news of our move well, but we are grateful for Lhing and Pramote's maturity in the faith and leadership of the fellowship as we navigate our final six months with them.

Over Christmas and New Year, we were also grateful that all three children were able to be with us with a 10-day overlap. We enjoyed reliving many of their childhood memories of Bangkok and there were only a few tearful moments as they all said 'goodbye' to the house they have grown up in!

As missionaries, we realise that it has been a huge privilege for us to be able to give the children this stability throughout their formative years, and we are grateful that they are understanding of our move and looking forward to visiting us 'up-country' next Christmas. Beth and Josh may also come out to help with the practicalities of the move in the summer at various points.



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## Langham in East Asia.

As we move into the new year, Johnny is preparing to **travel to Cambodia from January 11-17**. He will be attending a training on **Preaching from the New Testament**, but his primary role will be to spend time getting to know the Cambodian facilitators and leaders there. The workshop will be facilitated by the Cambodian team.

There are also training weeks planned in March:

**6-8 March KL, Malaysia**

**9-12 March Singapore**

**23-27 March, Bangkok, Thailand.**

Please pray for all of the practicalities of these trips. The tensions on the Thai-Cambodian border in recent months meant that the Cambodian workshop had to be moved to Phnom Penh at the last moment.

More importantly, please pray that these workshops would be a blessing to all who attend, and that preachers, pastors and lay-leaders would be equipped to teach the Word of God faithfully, clearly and relevantly in their own, often challenging, contexts.

## International Community School (ICS)

One of the benefits of teaching in an American school is that we don't return to the classroom until January 12. The long break after Christmas is a real blessing! Pray that Ann will use this final week of holiday well to both rest and prepare for the coming semester.

Ann will hit the ground running on January 12 as she is leading a short workshop for teachers on **'Helping Students to Think Deeply'** during our Staff In-Service Day.

Whilst this is a professional workshop it is also a vital skill for students to develop as they read Scripture and as they are exposed to so many conflicting messages on social media. Please pray that we will all be better equipped to help our students to think carefully about all that they hear and see both inside and outside the classroom.

**January 16-18** Ann has also been asked to help with the **High School (15-18 year old) Camp**. We will be taking around 200 students away to the beach for two nights of activities, bible talks and small group discussions. Please pray for God-ordained conversations and eyes to see opportunities. Ann doesn't know many of the High School students but students who were on Middle School camp with her two years ago will be there, so she is looking forward to connecting with them again.

As we move into February, Ann and her colleague Jackie will be leading the Grade 6 (11-12 yr olds) **Service and Learning Together (SALT) Week**. From **February 24-27**, Ann hopes to take a team of students to serve alongside the New City Foundation at Mahathai, with Johnny, Lhing and Emmanuel Azali. This week is always a delight (if slightly exhausting!) as we help students to see both the needs in their own communities and the ways Christians respond to poverty.

## Moving to Udon Thani

I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.  
Acts 20:24



At the end of February, we also hope to visit Udon Thani and to start the process of considering which local church we will be a part of and where we might live. Our move is provisionally planned for the week beginning **June 15**.

Please pray for wisdom as we make these (and many other!) decisions over the next months.

With our love and thanks for your continued support as we launch into 2026.

*Johnny and Ann*