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MISSIONS UPDATE

SPOTLIGHT: DELTA HIGH SCHOOL UPCOMING HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

The holidays are a great time to invest in and bless the students and staff of Delta. There are several events we need prayers, help, & donations for.



Halloween - Element will have a booth at their event and be giving away candy. Candy Donations Needed.



Thanksgiving Meal - The school puts on a thanksgiving meal for the students. Element provides pies and gift cards to raffle off. Donations of \$10 gift cards for fast food, coffee/drinks, or fun stores needed.



Holiday Store - Our Annual Holiday Store is the week of 12/7. This is where students can come "shop" for free for items for themselves and to give as gifts to their friends and family. We are in need of:

- Donations of new or gently used items. Please bring items to Element beginning Sunday, November 23rd. Items needed include: **Blankets, Toiletries & Hygiene products, Towels, Bedding, Socks, Leggings, Pants, Jackets, Shoes, Phone Accessories, Toys, Furnishings, etc.**
- Help setting up the Barn on Sunday, 12/7 after 2nd service.
- Tue-Thur help restocking items, welcoming and encouraging students.
- Friday clean up and tear down



Staff Meal before Winter Break - Element hosts and provides a nice homecooked meal to the Delta staff right before they leave for break. Need help with food and set up.



WANT TO HELP?

Email delta@ourelement.org to learn more or sign up.

Little Roots Learning Center has really come together! We are so grateful for the many of you who have generously donated so much of your physical labor, time, and money towards making this a quality program. Our outdoor playground is amazing, and we are almost done decorating and setting up the classrooms. Please pray as we hire teachers and enroll families, that all would be a great fit for this program. We are excited to see how God uses this program in the upcoming year!



Element Therapy + Care has now been in operation for over a month! Michelle has been able to work with a full caseload consisting of clients within and outside Element's community.

We are excited about how this new ministry is connecting with, and serving, those in need. For those interested in therapy services, please call (805) 288-0388 or email:

inquiry@elementtherapy.org

TO THE FIELD:

Element Team Headed to Visit Tom & Jing's & Ministry



Element is sending a team to serve alongside and encourage our mission partners in the Bueng Kan region of North East Thailand. In just a few weeks we'll be traveling over 8,500 miles and across language and cultural lines to experience what God is doing among the youth and community through Tom and Jing, the local church planters that Element supports. Our hope is that this would be the first of many teams we send to strengthen our partnership with our Thailand ministry partners through our presence and tangible support – all so the Gospel might flourish in Thailand! If this trip strikes a chord in your heart, let us know so we can add your name to the list for our next Thailand team. *Some details about the team and trip:*

- Our team of 12 people has a great mix of ages and stages including three High School students, two recent graduates, a few adults, and some adventurous retirees.
- We leave for Thailand Nov 19 and return Nov 30.
- We plan to participate in a one-day youth group camp and a local church service.
- We will be 'teaching' day-long English camps at two public schools. While at the schools, we will have the opportunity to share a few of our testimonies. AND, for the first time (ever) these government public schools are allowing us to teach a Bible class as well!
- We will visit Tom and Jing's home and participate with the students they minister to at the after-school youth group. We also hope to interact with some of Element's scholarship students.

Though you're not on the plane with us, we would love for you to be a part of our team in some ways:

- Write a note for one of the Thailand scholarship students and we'll deliver it in person!
- Pray for our team – for humility, health, strength, patience, wisdom, and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit as we travel and are in country. We desire that God would use us where He wants and grow us in new ways too.
- Join us on Sunday, Nov 16 during service to pray with the team for Tom and Jing, their family and ministry, the Thailand scholarship students, and the work the team will be involved in in-country.
- Interact with the people on the Thailand Team both before and after the trip! Ask us about our motivations and hopes for going to Thailand, what we're excited about, how you can pray for us individually, and more. OR meet up with us after we return to hear about what God's doing in Thailand, how we saw God answer prayers, how God used us while we were there, and what God taught us through the experience.

Thank you, Element, for being a locally and globally minded church centered on the Gospel! Let's remember that we don't have to go across the world to be a 'missionary.' We can do that same work in our regular lives as we celebrate what Jesus has done through Gospel in us and share that Good News wherever we find ourselves – whether we're in Thailand or our workplaces, schools, neighborhoods and even our families. Thank you for supporting Tom and Jing and our Thailand team in prayer as we go. Looking forward to sharing our 'God stories' with you when we return! – Kevin

New developments in Thailand:

- Tom and Jing have added an English class which they are teaching themselves. They hope to have a trained English teacher at some point.
- The land which they purchased with funds that they saved is set aside to build a multipurpose ministry center with a youth focus/youth church. The land needed soil to build it up, and Element funds provided for the many truck loads of soil in January. The soil needed to settle for a year. Now this coming January they can look to start building the foundation.
- Recently they traveled to Cheng Mai for an annual conference with the network that provides foundation status for them in Thailand. It's a discipling conference that they really enjoy. It had great times of worship, prayer, and fellowship over meals as well.



FROM THE FIELD:

An update from Randy & Edie (Bridges to the Nations)

Note: the Nelsons are our main contact in Thailand and who introduced us to Tom & Jing, and is the organization "on the ground" that does all the logistical and pastoral oversight of our church plant in Thailand. We are very thankful for them and all of their work as missionaries to Thailand, and Africa for decades.

In June and August, the missions team traveled to unreached areas along the Sudan and Ethiopia borders of Turkana, building relationships with Nyangatom villages in Ethiopia's Omo Delta and Taposa villages near Sudan. Despite poor roads, both tribes speak Turkana and can be reached by 4WD.

Pastor Boniface reported an eventful Ethiopia trip that began with a three-day delay in Lokitaung, north Turkana. During the delay, the team encouraged local pastors, held prayer sessions, and showed the Jesus Film, seeing the town as a potential launch point for future trips—a delay that became a divine appointment.

Boniface wrote, "The Nyangatom people were very receptive to us and the gospel. We spent the night in their village, were given plenty of milk, and gave a Turkana Bible to a young man who could read it. We befriended the elders, exchanged contacts, and they requested water containers. We then visited Kangaten village, where we met church elders and Pastor Lopeyok, who expressed a strong desire for partnership and deeper training in God's word."



COMMUNITY NEEDS: Ethiopia - Nyangatom Prayer Requests

1. They desired a continuous Bible training and center establishment.
2. Support for agriculture through piping and irrigation from River Omo. Water is scarce.
3. Discipleship training and development.
4. Transport is difficult. In need of motorbikes to be able to access interior areas.
5. They need a healthy facility.

COMMUNITY NEEDS:

South Sudan - Taposa Villages Prayer Requests

1. Water
2. Schools
3. Clothing
4. Medical attention

FROM THE FIELD: A 3RD HELICOPTER!

An update from Brian & Bailey Pruett

Being part of global church planting has brought incredible moments—moving missionaries into the jungle, building their homes, celebrating the first believers, baptisms, Bible dedications, and appointing elders. These are truly the "highlight reel" of our lives!

Nearly two years ago, Ethnos360 Aviation ordered a third helicopter for Papua New Guinea. The field has waited eagerly, as demand for flights grows with new missionaries entering unreached villages. They depend on our pilots and helicopters to support them through years of language learning, Bible translation, and teaching.

Last week, the helicopter was finally ready! Brian and a mechanic, Larry, traveled to Torrance, CA to receive it, then flew it to our Arizona hangar. The next morning, the team began modifications—removing parts, drilling holes, and preparing it for service overseas.

This is the sixth helicopter Brian has picked up in five years! At \$1.3M each, it's clear: God is passionate about reaching the world with His message of salvation. What an honor to support church planters bringing the Gospel to the world's most remote and spiritually dark places!





HEART TO HOME Children's Resource & Referral

"Children's Resource & Referral's Heart to Home Resource Closet offers a vital lifeline for children entering emergency foster care. When a child is abruptly removed from their home, the transition can be frightening and disorienting. In those moments, basic necessities are often forgotten amid the chaos. The Heart to Home Closet steps in to bridge that gap, providing immediate comfort, stability, and dignity.



The closet is stocked with essentials such as diapers, wipes, pajamas, blankets, and stuffed animals, small but powerful symbols of safety and care. It also includes clothing, shoes, jackets, and car seats to meet basic needs. For teens, thoughtfully prepared bags include hygiene and feminine products, allowing them to navigate this difficult time with privacy and respect.

The Heart to Home Resource Closet exists because of the generosity of our community, through ongoing financial gifts, volunteer hours, and in-kind donations. Together, we help ensure that every child in crisis is met not with scarcity, but with compassion and readiness. It's a simple but profound mission: to bring heart into the homes that open their doors to children in need."

If you would like a tangible way to support children entering into foster care, along with their resource families, please consider donating to the Heart to Home Resource Closet. You can call (805) 925-7071 to find out how.



INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS AT UCSB An update from Kristal Melton



"We had a great Welcome Dinner with over 40 international students, most of whom were brand new connections! Students really enjoyed the meal, had fun getting to know one another, and playing a mixer game. They were very grateful! One graduate student asked me if I worked for UCSB. I explained that ISI is its own Christian-based organization that is working to create community for and bless international students. He replied, 'Oh, that makes sense. This event has a different vibe than the university events.' Please pray that he continues to come and see that our events feel so different because the Holy Spirit is present and living in us! May he (and many others) surrender to the love of Jesus that they experience from us."

Please let Kristal know if you would like to come to an event in the future: kmelton@internationalstudents.org



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DID YOU KNOW?

Element sets aside 10% of all donations received in a fund for Church Planting/World Relief. It is through this account that we give to all of these amazing organizations and ministries. Thank you for your generosity that makes this a reality.