

# Sanders Family Update

April 2019

Dear Family and Friends,



As most of you know we went to Malaysia in April 2018. During this trip Pat Kilgo and his family were very gracious, by showing us around, and appraising us of things that were going on in that specific ministry, including future plans.



A Muslim Mosque.

We learned so much about the culture, and the people groups that live there. We also were able to attend a few of the services at Penang Bible Church. Where we were staying, there were 2 Buddhist temples only a few blocks away. It



A walk around Historic Georgetown, Penang.



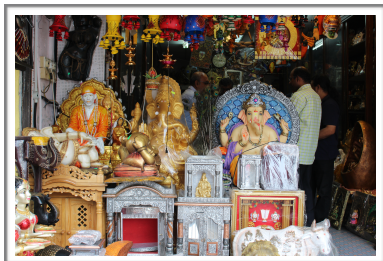
Overview of historic Georgetown in Penang.

seemed like there was either a Muslim Mosque, an Ancestral Temple or a Hindu worship center on every corner! What a contrast to the many churches we have in every town across the United States. The need to spread the gospel to the people of Penang, Malaysia was ever present! This trip was very informative and very moving for us. In many ways we did not want to leave! It was such a blessing to be able to have this opportunity and to come back to the States with a better understanding of where God was leading our family.

While we were there we felt convicted to postpone our original plan which was to attend GTCM in the Philippines and start raising support upon arrival to the United States, (We did attend the SEAGC in Thailand, which was extremely encouraging). In the mean time we would serve at Grace Gospel Church in Linton, IN as a temporary Pastor. I asked the Lord if, while we were in Linton, He would train us in areas that would benefit not only the Church in Linton but our future ministry with the Kilgos in Malaysia. He most certainly is doing

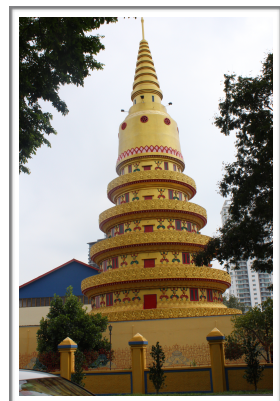


Attending a service at Penang Bible church



Hindu Idols for sale in a street shop.

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A Buddhist Temple just a few blocks away from our house.

As most of you also probably know we found out we were expecting our third child soon before our trip to Malaysia. Leah's tendencies towards difficult pregnancies became a concern for us and this one would prove to be the same. Leah gave birth to our little Silas in October. Silas was born early after an induction at 37 weeks and was diagnosed with underdeveloped lungs. He was sent by helicopter almost 2 hours away to Indianapolis to a larger, more equipped hospital to provide him with the care he needed. This was definitely hard at first but we quickly realized that we had, by means of Facebook, the avenue to asking for prayers that would radiate all throughout the world. Soon Saints from around the world were praying for us and God's peace overwhelmed and comforted us through this trying time! What a blessing that was!! Silas was able to leave the hospital after a little over a week. During that time so many brothers and sisters came by our side and provided us necessary things including car rides and food. They simply loved us. What a God we have! We tear up just remembering! It reminds of me of the verse in Isaiah 55:8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the Lord." God always knows best even when we cannot understand!

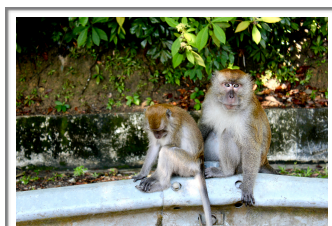


Silas being prepared for his helicopter ride, Something none of the rest of us have ever done.



Touring an elephant camp in Thailand during one of our days at SEAGC

Both Silas and Leah are doing well! God has such a wonderful way of showing His children how much He cares. We have adjusted to having a new addition and our joyful Silas is growing like a weed! Speaking of growing like a weed, Enoch and Naomi are learning something new every day.



Some not so friendly monkeys!

Enoch is fully boy and loves playing with cars and trucks. Naomi is the exact opposite of Enoch and loves her baby dolls. In January, the Things to Come Mission Board voted to have us re-instated as missionary candidates. We are thoroughly excited to resume our missionary preparation as this is God's will for our lives. We have decided to resume raising our support and will head out west for the NW missionary conferences being held beginning in September. Until we leave we will continue to serve at Grace Gospel Church in Linton. We are so looking forward to traveling around meeting new people, fellowshiping with other believers, and sharing our passions and vision for Malaysia! What a marvelous thing it is to serve the God of the universe!

Blessings,

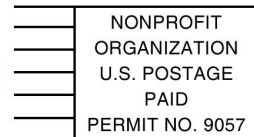
*Joel, Leah, Enoch, Naomi, and Silas*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Pray for Grace Gospel Church of Linton as we will be leaving and they will be in need of another Pastor.
- Our family as we prepare to travel with 3 children ages 3 and under!
- Continued health so as to be 100% during our upcoming time of transition.
- Upcoming visa situation for Malaysia.



One of the things Penang is famous for is its street art.



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