LEMBKE



Eric & Yuree Lembke

THAILAND

LANGUAGE

Thai Karen English

MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Education, Inmigrants and Refugees

CHILDREN

Harper

BIRTHDAYS

Eric 7/3 Yuree 7/14 Harper 8/23







ABOUT

ERIC and YUREE serve at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBSC) located in Mae La Refugee Camp near Mae Sot, Thailand. Young adults, mainly from the Karen ethnic group, attend the school to pursue a degree in ministry to serve as Christian leaders within the refugee camps and

to internally displaced persons in the areas along the Thai/Myanmar border. Eric and Yuree's ministry focuses on working with refugees through education, discipleship and evangelism. At the school, they teach English and ministry classes. They also travel with KKBBSC students and staff to villages in Karen State, Myanmar, to teach and conduct Bible classes.





View from Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School & College at Mae La Refugee Camp.



MINISTRY STORY

Sometimes, even when you might be hyper-focused on your ministry, God uses you in another way even without realizing it. Some of Yuree's family live in Thailand and are not Christian. A cousin came to live with us and help take care of Harper. One Sunday, we were invited to a Thai Church; we all went, including our cousin. The sermon was focused on 1 John 2:1-17 and the church was baptizing a large group after the service. Yuree's cousin was very attentive the whole service and when the pastor had an altar call, his hand went up and he went to the front! We had no idea that God had us bring him that day to hear the Word and be so moved to accept Christ into his life. He continued to attend classes and a mid-week Bible study, and one month after standing up in church, he was baptized.

A simple act can lead to wonderful moments. When you show love to people, you are already showing the love of Christ. That person might have been seeking

someone to tell them more about Jesus, but they just did not have the opportunity yet. When we have an opportunity, a simple act of love and kindness can change that person. Keep planting the seeds of love into the hearts of those you pass. One day, that act will bloom and sprout to become a full, beautiful flower in the right season.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the Karen people, as they continue to face oppression.

Pray for our students who have decided to serve our Lord by first preparing with theological education and for the educators preparing them.

Pray for the ongoing turmoil that is occurring in Burma/Myanmar.

SCRIPTURE

"Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed."

Isaiah 1:17

