



*Ministry & Family News of*  
**Matt & Becki Beack**

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Hi friends and family,

The last few months have been an adjustment to different kinds of bugs - the kind in our house and inside our bodies. We've had various types of ants invade our house, even one kind that made two nests - one in a photo album and one in a drawer! Also, we've had other kinds of bugs that are common when you live in a tropical area. However, it has been harder to adjust to the bugs inside our bodies! We all have been getting sick a lot the last few months with different kinds of viruses, bacterial infections, etc. We've had high fevers, pink eye, numerous colds, stomach problems, and Elijah also broke a tooth in half and had to have it pulled out by the dentist. Matt and Isaiah have gotten sick the most times; in fact, Isaiah has a high fever right now. Another difficulty is that here fevers can also be a sign of many different diseases that are not common in the U.S. We have had to trust God with the health of our kids in a new way here. We say all of this to ask you to please pray for Isaiah today, for a season of health for all of us, and for us to trust God more when we are sick!

Since our last update email, we have felt our adjustment to the culture has been much smoother. We have a fairly regular routine now, and have not had as many situations where we've gotten frustrated with the culture. Thanks so much for praying for our cultural adjustment! Our kids are enjoying the schools they go to; their schools have been such a blessing to us!

We're continuing the hard work of learning a language. We are very thankful for our teachers, who are excellent at teaching and have become good friends to us as well. Matt has a major test coming up in Tagalog on Monday and Tuesday, so you can pray for him about that.

A few weeks ago, Becki's Grandma entered heaven. She had been declining somewhat in health for a while, and then a week or two before she passed away, the family knew that she would soon be with Jesus. She had been a missionary for many years in Thailand, giving medicine and the gospel to people with leprosy, among other ministries. She faithfully served God here in the U.S. as well, encouraging many people. Her life is a testimony to us about how to love God with all your heart and sacrificially love others, as well. It was sad to not be in the U.S. during that time, but we realize that this is one thing God is asking us to give to Him and trust Him with.

We had a fun birthday party for Elijah a week ago. We were able to celebrate it in a way that is common in the Philippines: many people were able to come, we had pancit (a noodle dish), lumpia (like spring rolls), and many other dishes. We had a ton of help, so we really appreciated that. We were so encouraged by all the

people who came: neighbors, friends, Elijah's classmates, and our Tagalog teachers! One thing we love about the Philippines is the importance people put on relationships and it was great to see this aspect of the culture in action!

Please remember to pray for us! All the major prayer requests that we have given in our email updates God has answered in a few weeks' time!

Praise:

1. Isaiah and Elijah's great schools and that they really enjoy them
2. An easier time recently adjusting to the culture
3. The relationships God has given us with others here

**Prayer:**

1. For Isaiah to recover quickly and for our family to have a season of health
2. For Matt's Tagalog test on Monday and Tuesday (Sunday and Monday nights U.S. time!)
3. For wisdom from God about what type of ministry to street children he wants to use us in after language school

**Enjoy the pictures!** ([found here](#))

1. Isaiah's first day of school - "prep" (like kindergarten)
2. Elijah's first day of school - preschool
3. Elijah's new grin, minus a tooth!
4. Everyone's shoes outside our door at Elijah's birthday party (people take off their shoes here when entering a house)
5. Some friends at Elijah's party
6. A fellow ACTION missionary, and some kids from her ministry to street children. We were able to visit her and meet these kids.
7. Becki's grandma

Thank you so much for your prayers, friendship, encouragement, and support!  
We appreciate you!

**Matt and Becki**

P.S. You can also "friend" us on facebook: Matthew Beack and Becki Harmon Beack

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