

Williams' Weekly Prayer 'n Praise Points

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Dear Friends,

This past Wednesday was supposed to be the day we received the verdict from Grace's court case. The brief message below announced to the community the news.

The verdict in the court case was scheduled for today, 3 June. As our attorney predicted, the judge postponed the verdict until 21 July, citing the complexity of the case. He "guaranteed" that the verdict would be ready on that date.

Thank you for your prayers. We now have an extra seven weeks to bring this before the Father!

The further details below were sent to Don:

After the judge writes his verdict, it still goes to others for review and they can take 15 days. Our attorney is optimistic that this is a good sign that the judge is actually reviewing at least the closing statements and that the verdict was not a foregone conclusion. He speculates that the judge is grappling with how to render a fair verdict while not causing his colleague, whom we showed to have lied (in our closing statement), to lose face (embarrass). Our attorney pointed out that the judge himself stands to lose a bit of face, having given this witness free rein during his rambling testimony and then finding out that his trust was betrayed. (This witness happens to be a judge who resides in the same neighborhood where the school is located, was a witness for the plaintiffs and is in a position over the presiding judge of our school's case.)

The presiding judge made a point that a new system is in place...as we tried to figure out what the ramifications are, he clarified that he and the judge-manager of one other courtroom have instituted a policy to ensure their autonomy, that their decisions will be free from the influence of others who might be "bigger" than they.

Please continue to be in prayer for the court case and the following urgent prayer request sent out by the school this week regarding staffing needs for next school year:

GIS has a critical need for people to teach

- High School Math
- High School Science
- PE and Health, grades 7-12
- Sixth Grade

Needed but slightly less critical

- First Grade
- Elementary Office Assistant

Today we have 15 qualified students on the waiting list from mission organizations (there are presently 530 students enrolled for next year). That doesn't include our 35 sixth graders we've already accepted in a grade that currently has only one teacher, nor does it count the applications that are still coming in.

We were reminded in the email of the reality that most of our teachers come because of a personal contact and that we can put out the word 100 times faster. You can help us get the word out about these critical needs. The email continued...

At this late date, most mission organizations could not process a new applicant in time for them to be here in August. But we all may know

- retired educators who would relish the chance to integrate their faith and teaching, who can come on short notice and enjoy the high quality of life and low cost of living in Chiang Mai.
- other qualified teachers who are ready to trust God to use them at GIS.

For more details, please contact recruit@gisthailand.org and/or check out our website, www.gisthailand.org or call 66-81-288-1580 from outside Thailand.

We believe that God has a plan to provide staff at GIS, a plan that will bring Him glory. Please, please consider how He might be asking you to be part of that plan!

Thanks for passing along these prayer concerns to others, for praying and supporting our ministry through Grace International School and Free Methodist World Missions. Seth would appreciate your prayers as he waits on the Lord for His will. Seth's willing to return to teach as the PE/Health teacher should he be able to raise the \$800 in monthly support needed.



Josiah, Seth, Kathy, Don, Michaela, Tad, and Katelyn

Blessings,

Don and Kathy Williams
Serving Grace International School
and the Thai National FM Churches