



The TeLLs in Thailand

Serving those with disabilities in Asia

September Update

Hello friends!

What a miracle God worked since our last update! We spent much of September being sure that Nikolina's citizenship would be on hold till 2017. In fact on September 15th I prepared to cancel our tickets to the United States. However I was not able to accomplish it that morning and we went to bed resigned to the reality. But that night we got a call from the Senator's office that had been working on our case. By the next morning we had Nikolina's citizenship appointment scheduled! By the next Thursday we had Nikolina's visa in hand, after much stress and work. And by Sunday the 25th, the girls and I were boarding a flight to the US! And on September 29th, at about 11AM in Arizona, Nikolina became a citizen of the United States of America! We could not be more thrilled or relieved!



Thank you so much to each of you who prayed and encouraged us during this saga. Even when things felt bleak we knew we had an army of brethren praying and believe in a miracle for us. We are so excited to be in the US for a month and loving the time with family thus far.

We received four containers in September. Our team was kept incredibly busy with intake and then swiftly sending the wheelchairs out directly to the cities where they will be distributed. This was necessary as our warehouse is at max capacity at the moment. By sending them out directly we've been able to continue to accept containers and to meet these needs of our patients.

As our supply of wheelchairs has increased so has our need for Bibles and other evangelism materials. We currently do not have enough materials for the number of wheelchairs we have to distribute. Our sincere desire is that every wheelchair recipient also receive the gospel message and materials to encourage them toward a relationship with Christ. We believe that meeting their physical need is only a small part of our work, we want to meet their spiritual needs as well. If you would like to be a financial partner in the gospel, please let us know. The need is great and you can share a Bible with a wheelchair recipient for about \$2.90 per Bible. A local Christian will present the gospel and gift the Bible to the person before they return home with their new wheelchair.

We continue to need more volunteers as well. We are limited in our ability to expand by our lack of manpower. We have a big year ahead with many more distributions planned and are praying for God to send more people to help us accomplish the work in Thailand and Southeast Asia.

The Harvest is plentiful and waiting... by providing wheelchairs we provide an opportunity for our Thai brothers and sisters in Christ to share the sweet gospel message with their country men and women. It's a rare opportunity to share the gospel in a life changing manner.

Our team had two out of town distributions in Nontaburi and Pratumtani. Our team did some great problem solving and partnering with our local hosts to ensure that every patient was fitted. From distributing in two locations in one day to making several home visits, they worked hard to meet the need.

A total of 60 wheelchairs were donated during this distribution, and the local church also came in full force and excitement to provide the evangelism component. We were amazed by their drive to serve and look forward to returning to this province soon to partner with them again.

Family Update

We are just ecstatic to be with family this month! We've not even been here a week and the girls have been having a blast! They play all day with their younger aunties and their cousins, and are loving cuddles with Grandma and Grandpa. It has been so special having everyone meet Nikolina at last and we are so thankful God allowed this special visit.

September 23rd also marked the one year anniversary of Nikolina's adoption! It's incredible to think how we have all changed and grown in the last year. It almost seems like Nikolina's has always been part of our family, and at the same time like it was just yesterday that we met her in Belgrade.

The trip to the US went far better than we expected, despite three preschoolers and one mommy. Thank you everyone who prayed for our journey, we felt it!

Ilyria and Cordelia got to help Daddy a lot this month at work! They love helping daddy and he enjoys sharing his work with them and encouraging them to use their gifts to help others.

Thank you for your love and prayers!

Joey, Jasmine, Ilyria, Nikolina and Cordelia

Prayer Requests

- For all of our hearts as we are apart for a month. We are loving time with family but the girls miss their daddy and I miss Joey!
- For the upcoming distributions, especially the Wheels for the World outreach in October. Please pray safety, stamina and effectiveness.
- For funding for Bibles and other evangelism materials so that each wheelchair recipient would also receive the gospel message.
- For safe travels on October 24th when Jasmine and the girls return to Thailand.
- For each wheelchair recipient in October that they would hear the gospel fully and know God's love for them.
- For God to bless all of you who come alongside us through prayers and support!

Praise Reports

- For Nikolina becoming a US citizen! Thank you all who prayed us to this miracle!
- For safe and smooth travel for Jasmine and the girls to the US, and a wonderful time with family so far.
- For many new containers and distributions in September.
- For the chance for all of Jasmine's family to be together in October.
- For a sizable anonymous donation that came at just the right time. Thank you so much to whoever sent it, you are a blessing and God used you to encourage our hearts!
- For all of you who love and support us through prayers and finances so we can serve in Thailand!