

Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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Grace in Diversity

What happens when you take kids from 550 families, representing 20 nationalities, and you put them all together in one school setting in a cross-cultural context? You get a beautiful, melting pot of diversity!

Fred and Evelyn Dimado moved their family to Thailand from Ghana when Fred accepted the position of Assistant International Director of a multi-ethnic mission agency. They enrolled their four children in GIS, which released Fred to focus on ministry. Little did they know, that in addition to the education they would receive, the large, multi-cultural community—to which they now belong—would impact the Dimados' children.

Moving to Thailand involved a gamut of adjustments for the Dimado family. In Chiang Mai and at GIS, the Dimados are in the minority as Africans. However, in their struggles with adapting to a new place and dealing with multi-cultural insensitivity and unconscious biases, Fred and Evelyn are sincerely grateful for how God has used some special teachers and students at GIS to strengthen the spiritual growth of their children, building grace, character, and endurance in them.

GIS has provided a safe place for the Dimado children to foster healthy relationship with dedicated, loving teachers, and to share in the experiences of other MKs for whom transitions are the norm. Through the rough patches of adjustments, the family is so thankful for gracious teachers who have walked with the Dimado family. "It is very heartwarming when a teacher notices your children's struggles, commits to praying with them, and assures them of help whenever they need it," Evelyn shared.

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Evelyn expressed deep appreciation for the GIS community. "I am amazed to see how the Lord has grown my kids since we've been in Thailand and how He has opened their hearts to be loving to people, irrespective of their cultural backgrounds. This experience might have been missed if we hadn't come here," Evelyn said.

The Dimados are thankful to be a part of the rich blend of cultural diversity GIS represents. "Our children get to have a sneak peek at God's heart of love for every nation (Rev. 7:9) and how the beauty of this diversity will be fully displayed to the glory of the Father, when Jesus comes again," Evelyn said.

What a special community God has brought together from all over the globe to make up the GIS family!

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