

Grace in Action

Stories of God at work in and through the GIS community

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When God Makes a Way

In 2006, the F family had come to the end of their rope in terms of what they could offer their oldest son educationally in the country where they were serving. While visiting Thailand for a conference, parents Eric and Kristin were encouraged to check out Grace International School. They saw the opportunities there, and by the end of the school tour, their son was eager to attend Grace. However, the words, “There’s no way to make this happen,” kept playing in Kristin’s mind.

Grace is not a boarding school; with whom would their son live? Where would the family find money to pay the entire tuition upfront—a visa requirement? How would their son travel internationally by himself three times a year?

On the plane ride home, Kristin randomly turned to Isaiah 43 as she sought answers from God’s word. There she read, “I am the LORD...who makes a way... and a path through the mighty waters...” (Is. 43:15-16) The Lord used the very words Kristin was arguing and turned those around to ask, “Can you trust Me to make a way for your son’s education?” The sweet surrender of “yes” brought peace and relief.

Upon arriving home, Eric and Kristin heard about a family back in Chiang Mai who were willing to host two boys to attend GIS for the next school year. The family accepted not only Eric and Kristin’s son to live with them, but their son’s best friend, too. The Lord made a place for their son to live, AND provided a friend and travel companion for him on the international journeys. Two months later, the family received an unexpected tax credit that was just the amount they needed to pay for tuition.

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Interestingly, following their first son’s graduation from Grace, Eric and Kristin were asked by their organization to move to Chiang Mai. So, in 2009, they moved with their other three boys, allowing those sons the privilege of attending Grace, too.

All of Eric and Kristin’s sons had opportunities at Grace they would not have had otherwise. They took classes in the arts and in science, which played a big part in directing them into their present-day careers. They gained Christian character through sports; practiced being gentlemen when they attended school dances; and understood sacrifice through Sports Leadership trips. In time, as God had made a way for them, Eric and Kristin felt led to make a way for others—by becoming host parents themselves.

As the family leaves Thailand following their youngest son’s graduation, they are extremely thankful to God for making a way to Grace.

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Grace International School exists to enable international Christian workers to remain in their field of service by providing for the educational needs of their children.

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