

Blue Asia Grace



Providence In Hindsight



It may not surprise you that these last several months are summed up in two words: COVID quarantine. Our hopes of getting back to the field during the spring were abruptly dashed when the virus exploded through Asia. Now with their borders closed tight and their prime minister saying that it could stay that way until the situation is resolved, we are looking to get back next spring at the earliest. The frustration of all our efforts surfaces in our hearts now and again, but when we consider our journey thus far in hindsight, we make note of many encouraging instances of God's providence along our way.

Last year, right before my wife and the kids were scheduled to fly back to the field, she had to go to the emergency room at midnight because of appendicitis. We're thankful that she didn't have to do that in a foreign land at midnight or during the long flight over.

Because of her surgery and the subsequent panic attack which lasted a week, we decided to cancel their trip and for me to fly back to them. While we were trying to find the cause of her panic issue, no doctor except one would take our insurance, but they couldn't see us for 6 to 7 months. Two weeks later we got connected to a Christian social worker who wants to help people in ministry and charged us a minimal fee. He identified her issues with panic and taught us the tools to overcome it. Then, in December, we got the approval from him and our agency to return to the field. We wanted to return right away to get back to ministry and to begin research for a future business, but we decided to buy tickets for the spring because of the extreme debilitating cold there.



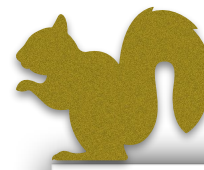
But of course COVID prevented us from getting back at that time. But even if we had flown back, we would've been in quarantine there (which I think has been much harder for them compared to us). Also, trying to leave there during this time is a lot more complicated because of the virus.

Overall, in retrospect, things are going according to plan, it's just not the plan I had in mind, and we **very** much look forward to when God plans to get us back. But in the meantime, we need to be saving money for the cost of starting a business there, so I am now looking for a job I can work until it's time to leave.




For The
Curious

The wild rams there are famously large. Hunters come from all over the world to get one of only a few licenses issued per year. The revenue from all the licenses brings in nearly millions of revenue per year to help conservation efforts.




Prayer Requests


Please be in prayer




For God's timing in getting back.




For getting visas to stay there long-term.




For me to find a job to help with the expenses of a business visa/startup.



For my wife and the kids as homeschool starts back up.



For our daughter's lingering issues with Lyme disease.



For our children's relationship with each other, which has been a little tense lately.

God Bless,
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