

Dear Family & Friends,

First, THANK YOU so much for your prayers, Scriptures and words of encouragement. This past week has been surreal and I feel like I'm looking on at someone else experiencing these things. Some of you have wisely written that we will need time to heal and process what has happened..rightly so. We'll see how this unfolds as we will also be needed to help others process what has happened. BUT, if it's like today, as I got a few phone calls of others needing reassurance, I would be reassured just by reminding them of God's promises myself. And we've had several friends who have reached out to call and make sure we're still together. I thank God for how He has been there through other people as well.

Today was an emotional day. I had many moments of stopping to cry and some where I didn't physically cry (trying to avoid too much drama in front of the boys), but where my heart felt broken inside. Have you ever had that feeling? I'm crying right now thinking of the loss the city we love has gone through and is still going through. Tonight there are more reports of violence. This is a post on a friends FB page she just posted tonight.

just received the news that approximately 150 red shirts gather under flyover of Rama IV, which is near our Step Ahead office, more than 100 anti-government protesters surrounded a team of a policemen deployed to the Victory Monument and Siam City Bank on Din Daeng Road is on fire... Lord help us!

I love the song, "God of this City". I'm sure many of you are familiar with the song. It was written by a band named "Bluetree" on a missions trip they took to Pattaya, Thailand, not far from BKK. (Chris Tomlin later recorded it). Anyway, I claimed it as my prayer for Thailand after I first heard it and it continues to be so now! What a prophetic message for this day in Thailand! God you ARE!!! And we're believing that "greater things ARE yet to come!"

[Verse 1]

You're the God of this City
You're the King of these people
You're the Lord of this nation
You are

[Verse 2]

You're the Light in this darkness
You're the Hope to the hopeless

You're the Peace to the restless
You are

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

[Chorus]
For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City

[Verse 1]

[Verse 2]

There is no one like our God
There is no one like our God

[Chorus]
For greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done here

There is no one like our god
There is no one like our God

[Chorus]
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done in this City
Greater things have yet to come
And greater things are still to be done here

Ironically, we will be driving to Pattaya tomorrow for our day off. We have a church member who lives there and invited us to come stay with them if we'd like. We feel as though getting out of the city for a day will be good and the boys can run off some of their energy on the beach. We'll be out of touch for about 48 hours but will let you know how things are going when we return.

Several have asked about evacuation and we do appreciate the prayers you have offered

on our behalf for wisdom. We believe God has given that to us. Yesterday there were a few times when we questioned whether we should leave and at least evacuate to another part of town, but we kept feeling uneasy about that decision. We had greater peace about staying where we are knowing that although much was going on right around us, that it was unlikely for anything to actually come TO us. Businesses, banks and Government buildings were the target.

Also, we are under the Christian and Missionary Alliance here in Thailand and we have a Field Director who stays up-to-date on safety concerns. He called to say all of us should stay inside, which we did. We have full confidence that the C&MA will inform us as well if it is time to leave. But we realize that now is the perfect time to stay and use the gifts God has given us.

Again, thank you for your prayers, Scriptures and words of encouragement. They have been a lifeline.

There's more to share, but I'm sure you're tired of reading and I'm tired of typing. :-)

Blessings,
Amy