

Hello!

We're only 12 days away from boarding a flight to the opposite side of the world! For some of us, this is nothing new. Some of us are accustomed to the 24+ hour travel day that it takes to get to our destination. For others on our team, this will be their first time on a plane for more than 3-5 hours. For a couple, this is their first time going out of the country (or territory not governed by the US). It is so exciting to travel to new places, experience new cultures, and to be completely out of our comfort zone. We are preparing for God to move in BIG ways on this trip!

With all this being said, here are the things you can be praying for in the next 12 days:

### **1.) Pray for the long travel day.**

Like I said previously, some of our team members have never experienced the 24-hour long travel day, and some have never been out of US territory. Pray for any anxiety that they may have. Along with praying for the people who are new to international travel, pray for the team as a whole. Travel days no matter the length can be so tiring and draining. It is easy to become impatient, restless, and stressed, especially towards one another. Pray that instead of letting the lack of energy, and sleep, affect our attitudes, we could find the advantages in it.

While it's easy to look at a 24-hour long travel day including two layovers, and a 14-hour flight, to become filled with anxiety and restlessness, we could also look at it as an opportunity to rest, spend personal time with the Lord, get to know one another better, and even have a great conversation with a complete stranger, from a completely different place. This 14-hour flight could be the most still and quiet time we've had in the past four months! We should definitely take advantage of the rest that this plane ride will provide before we hit the ground running for the Gospel.

### **2.) Pray that God takes us out of our comfort zones.**

Last night, I had the best conversation with a group of other students here at the BCM about our past mission experiences. We shared funny stories, serious stories, and stories of how we saw God move in us and through other people. No matter the story that was told, that story only occurred because they obeyed God's calling by taking a small step of faith out of their comfort zone, and simply trusted God. Pray that we can let go of our own comforts, and our own preferences, and fully trust and rely on God to work. After all, God doesn't actually need us, but we are blessed that he allows us to participate and to be used by Him to further His kingdom! Pray that he takes us further out of our comfort zones than we ever expected!

### **3.) Pray that we can remind ourselves daily why we are there.**

Going to a new country and experiencing new cultures can be so exciting, but pray that we don't get too wrapped up in that excitement and forget why we are there. We are all so excited to go this new place, but pray that we are excited to go share as well. Pray that we don't let the excitement of the country drown out our intentions for taking the trip. Pray that each day before we go out, that we align our intentions with God's intentions.

Also continue to pray for the refugees we will be working with. Here is the third article:

**Article #3:** <https://brnow.org/News/August-2017/Baptists-serve-Bangkok-s-Little-Lahore>

Blessings,  
Maty for the Thailand Team