

## LEMBKE



## Eric & Yuree Lembke

### THAILAND

#### LANGUAGE

Thai  
Karen  
Englis

#### MINISTRY PRIORITIES

Education,  
Inmigrants and  
Refugees

#### CHILDREN

Harper

#### BIRTHDAYS

Eric 7/3  
Yuree 7/14  
Harper 8/23



#### LOCATION

Thailand



#### ABOUT

ERIC and YUREE will serve at the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBS) located in Mae La Refugee Camp near Mae Sot, Thailand. Young adults, mostly from the Karen ethnic group, attend the school to pursue a degree in ministry so that they are able to serve as Christian leaders within

the refugee and internally displaced persons camps in areas along the Thai/Myanmar border. Eric and Yuree's ministry will focus on working with refugees through education, discipleship, and evangelism. At the school, they will teach English and ministry classes. They will also travel to villages in the Karen State, Myanmar (Burma), with KKBBS students and staff to teach and conduct Bible classes.



Students at the KKBBS  
sing hymns at their school.

## “ MINISTRY STORY

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Kawthoolei Karen Baptist Bible School and College (KKBBS) went without meeting in person for a long stretch in 2021, but the studies did not stop. It would have been easy to have closed the school and postponed studies, but KKBBS found a way. Students picked up study materials at the school and took them home. Communications online were also used when available. Teachers continued to share their knowledge. As restrictions eased, the long-awaited time to meet came again. There was much celebration with hymn singing; many voices rejoicing and praising God!

Often in life, there are periods of time where we must wait for something to happen, and it can frustrate us when it takes longer than expected. The students at the Bible school must have waited anxiously to return to the classroom. They had already answered the call to study God's Word, but due to the situation beyond their control they had to put their whole trust in the Lord. This takes tremendous faith. As time goes on, faith can waiver and doubt can creep in. When

the time finally comes though, we can look back and reflect on how we have handled the time of trial. Have we stood firm and kept the thought that we do what we do because of love? After all, we are called to share the love and good news of Christ! These students are preparing to go out—are you?

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### PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the students at the KKBBS who are preparing to serve the Lord.

Pray for those who work as teachers at the school, that they will continue to have the ability to travel freely in and out of the refugee camp to access the school.

Pray for all global servants who are currently fundraising, that the support needed to go or return to their country of service is abundant.

Pray for our family, especially as our little one quickly grows up as a missionary kid.

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### SCRIPTURE

*“Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.”*

1 Corinthians 16:13-14 (NIV)