22 He said to his disciples, “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. 23 For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.
24 Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! 25 And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life?

As people read the above scripture many say, “yeah, right!” As in, there is no way to quit worrying. Especially with so much going on around us - and in the world - and the problems that abound - and the virus - and the continual reminders in the news and on the internet. How is it possible to not worry?

I echo their sentiments as I just spent half the night awake over the issues of yesterday - and how they will play themselves out next week.

I heard a radio preacher say what he does with his car. He gives it to God. Then if someone bothers it he says, “That is on you, God.”

We are stewards of God’s earth. In reality, none of this stuff belongs to us - we are just watching over it for God while we are here. In a short while, it will not be ours to watch over.

It is ours to do the best we can while we can. In the same way, in our relationships we cannot change other people. We can offer a better way, but what others do is up to them.

Our responsibility is our own thinking, attitude, and spirit.

If we love a human being and do not love God, we demand perfection. When we do not get it we become cruel and vindictive; we are demanding of a human being that which he or she cannot give.

There is only one Being Who can satisfy the last aching abyss of the human heart, and that is the Lord Jesus Christ. Why Our Lord is apparently so severe regarding every human relationship is because He knows that every relationship not based on loyalty to Himself will end in disaster.

Our Lord trusted no man, yet He was never suspicious, never bitter. Our Lord s confidence in God and in what His grace could do for any man, was so perfect that He despaired of no one. If our trust is placed in human beings, we shall end in despairing of everyone.

My Utmost for His Highest

Our job is to work on our relationship with God.

Pastor Ken
PASTOR KEN PRAYER LIST

Diane neighbor boy - elbow surgery
Dale - COPD
Peggy - hip concerns
Tom - son Jerry
Becky B - Sister Carolyn problems with him replacement
Jerrlyn - grandson Eric in Kuwait
Betty S - ease pain, strength
- Brother Jim liver cancer
Alice and Ray neighbor Wayne with stage 4 cancer
Ray cousin Mike - tendon surgery
Noah - knee surgery
From Sue Strawser
John - surgery in November
Kaylie - Aiden - feet
Roxane - heart ablation
Julie and Rich - her recovery
Brenda L - pacemaker
Sharon & Ray F - moving to Cincinnati
Dewayne H - kidney stone
Bobby - Healing cancer
Carol DeMaio
- Cousin Jacob Bowman deployed to Kuwait
Sarah O
- Dan in Mexico, Genna in Chicago

Jordan W - shoulder
Families in and around Pitsburg for a connection with God and His church
Sandy Crist group - praying for children and schools
Those affected by virus world wide
- People in isolation: nursing homes, prisons, elderly, and those subject to depression, anxiety, or abuse.
Service personal and families
Medical personal and first responders
EYN - Persecuted Christians
Israel - protection and guidance in holding to Godly values
USA - Revival
- Civil discussion and renewed focus on Justice and Peace for everyone

PRAISES
Family time together
Quiet mornings
Time for prayer, Bible study and meditation
Forgiveness
New opportunities
The fact that Jesus is coming - prepare daily

Please send me updates as appropriate by text, email or phone. Pastor Ken
Due to COVID-19 these prayer meetings are being done virtually. If you are interested, contact Sonya Crist

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Dear Pittsburg Church of the Brethren,

What a blessing to spend time with many of you in America! Thank you for your friendship, your financial gifts, and your prayers for our ministry.

Now we're eager to return "home" to Thailand, but we're not sure if we can get there before our visa expires.

Due to covid, very few individuals are allowed into the country. Many individuals who have Thai spouses and children have not made it back. Thankfully, we qualify to begin the application process, but we'll need specialized plane tickets, 16 days in a government quarantine facility, and several medical checks—all on a strict timeline. The process is costly, daunting, and a bit bizarre. Last night we had to text all of our passport info to "Meow Kitty," a 50-year-old male's social media account. :) We're still waiting on confirmation for "Meow Kitty" to book us in his government-approved hotel facility.

In order to renew our visas, we need to be on a plane by Aug 26. Otherwise, we'll have to wait until the government begins processing new applications. Please pray for God's leading through open and closed doors. At this point, we're ok flying or waiting, but we want to make wise use of the time and money God has provided.

Pray for peace for all of us, especially our daughters who miss favorite stuffed animals, friends, and Thai comforts foods.

Thank you for your prayer and partnership as we seek to serve Him.

Nate and Ivy

This picture is a bittersweet reminder that the Thailand we left, is not the same Thailand to which we'll return. This summer one of our very closest friends and fellow teammates, Rachel, died suddenly from an asthma attack. (Not covid related.) Pray God would comfort Rachel's family, especially her husband and two small children. Pray that God would prepare our hearts as we seek to return to a community that has undergone much change and grief in the last five months.
Visit our Facebook page, “Pitsburg Church of the Brethren.”
This is a scene from our skit Independence Day