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Fuller Facts

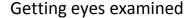
Dear Friends,

Greetings from Northeast Thailand. We find ourselves in the midst of change. At this time we are going from cool season where the temperature is in the 50's at night and 80's during the day to hot season where it is in the 80's during the night and in the 100's during the day. As a mission we are also seeing the need to go through change. We also wanted to let you know of some changes we are undergoing as a mission so you can be praying for us. As foreigners living here in Thailand we need visas in order to stay in the country. Lately it has been getting harder to get these visas in a timely manner each year when we need to renew them. So we as a mission are restructuring some.

So it is looking like this year sometime we will be in Thailand under a different type of visa. This will give us more flexibility to minister here in Thailand and in the surrounding countries that aren't "open". Pray as we are busy right now getting all the paperwork around. Because of the type of visa we are required to do some projects such as teaching English, agriculture, or as you will see below about our eyeglass project. These projects that we consider have to be approved by the local officials — if approved we have permission to stay in Thailand. Pray also that the officials will see our projects as needful. Even though from day to day we go through so many changes — we are so glad our Lord never changes. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. When He makes a promise it is a sure thing. How awesome are His ways.

Through your gifts sent we were able to help 62 more people have their eyes examined and get new glasses. It was exciting to see different ones put on their new glasses and be able to see clearly, some for the first time. It is neat to think also that maybe one day some of these same people will be using these glasses to read the Bible. One of the headmen told us that this glasses project was so needful and he saw that it really helped people out so much. There are still many folks here that cannot see well. We would look forward to doing this again, not only for the older folks, but many of the children have never had their eyes checked. Maybe you could have a part.







Most of the group with new glasses

As a family there have been many changes also. Camilla is in her last semester of her first year of Bible school in Jackson, Michigan. She has had many adjustments, the cold, new people, new ways of doing things, new food and the list goes on. She has had a great year and has learned much. She looks forward to her next year as well.

Hannah continues to chug away at her home schooling here in the village and has enjoyed sometimes visiting with her friends in other parts of Thailand. There may even be a work project at the beginning of the summer that she may be able to go to. She is doing well and is enjoying her life still with us.





So in the midst of all this change we desire to walk faithfully with our God. We count it such a privilege to be able to serve the Lord here in Thailand. There is such a need for folks here to know the God of the Bible. We look forward to sharing the truth about Him here in the village of Dong Noi.

Prayer Points

- Wisdom in making decisions.
- Learn language and culture well.
- Growing deeper in walk with our Lord.
- Camilla's summer plans.
- The Schumachers on home assignment in Germany

<u>Praise</u>

Glasses project went well.

Camilla's doing well at school.

Daily strength.

Safety in travel.

We were able to get our truck repaired.

Laurie was able to get her front teeth fixed.

Our Co-worker's adoption finalized.

We thank you so much for the part you play in our ministry here. We could not stay if not for your prayers, contact and funds that you generously give. You are an intricate part of what the Lord is doing and will doing here in Northeast Thailand.

PS. if any would like to give towards the continued eye glass project please send to funds to: New Tribes Mission – address below and earmark it: Dong Noi, Thailand – eyeglass project