

THE FULLER FACTS

Life in our ministry here in Thailand

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We praise the Lord for the continued opportunity to serve here in Thailand. Thank you for the part that you play in our ministry. We really do see you as a vital part of our team.

Visa Situation

Last time we wrote, we were in the midst of changing the status of our Thailand visa. Many trips and many government offices later, we are very happy to see the end of this long process in sight. By the end of May, we should have our official one-year visa in hand. Next year, we hope to simplify the process even more by moving our work-permit to the province of Nakhon Phanom where we live.

With our work-permit located locally, we will be able to complete our government paperwork and projects right here. It will no longer be necessary to go all the way to Chiang Mai. Since Nakhon Phanom is only 1 ½ hours from our house compared to the 13 hour trip to Chiang Mai, you can see it will save us a lot of time and expense.

Will you pray that as we become better acquainted with our provincial and county officials, the Lord will continue to open the doors for us to help folks in our community. We desire to be a true light.



PRAYER ITEMS

- Opportunities to witness to folks we are helping.
- Finances for extra travel to Chiang Mai.
- Continued good relationship with Governmental officials.
- Continued good relationship with co-workers.
- Receptive hearts as people hear God's Word.
- Camilla's continued health and continued studies, Job and Vehicle
- Hannah's Homeschooling time.
- Schumachers as they work on Culture and Language study.
- One year visa
- Projects would get government approval

Ministry

Sure Foundation Foundation has officially opened a branch office at our house. SFF members came from the main office in Chiang Mai to make introductions with local government officials and to set up the foundation bank account. Our local officials were not only welcoming, but they also seemed pleased with the projects we've already started as well as our plans for future projects. We were thankful to get off to a good start!

The picture to the left shows our team in red foundation shirts and Dorothy (wearing sunglasses) a team member that lives in Nakhon Phanom. The picture to the right is the Mayor in his uniform and the three headmen of Dong Noi.



New SFF sign displayed on our house



Visiting with the Mayor

Ongoing Projects

1. Teaching English – we just had two groups finish up with the first book of lessons. Here we are awarding certificates. A total of 13 kids were able to attend and Complete these English lessons. After the awards, it was fun to celebrate together with an afternoon of games and snacks. Good job, kids!
2. Right after our foundation office opened here in the village, we had a day of giving out free liquid fertilizer to introduce our foundation. We also asked folks to fill out questionnaires to see what kinds of projects would be helpful to them. We were glad to get their input and hear their ideas. We want to work with them...not just do things for them.
3. We've been doing the preliminary work for two future projects: raising crickets and fish/frog ponds. We hope this early work will create interest in the actual projects so folks will want to participate.



Family News

Camilla

On May 18th, Camilla graduated from New Tribes Bible Institute! She really enjoyed the classes and the students in Jackson. Even though she has had some health issues over the last two years, she has seen the Lord's faithful hand in her life as He has helped her finish her Bible studies.

This fall, she plans to attend Jacksonville Community College in Jacksonville, Florida. She is looking forward to majoring in nursing. Please be praying that she will be able to find a summer job in Florida and also be able to purchase a good used vehicle that she will drive to school and work. It will be another big transition for Camilla—leaving behind good friends and Michigan church family for another new beginning in Florida.

Hannah

As Hannah comes to the end of 11th grade she is starting to think about what is next for her. What school would she like to attend? What kind of career would she like to pursue? She continues to be an encouragement to us as she helps out around the house with meals. We love her sweet spirit and enthusiasm for life.

As part of her home economics class, Hannah recently hosted a "game-night party" for us and two other families. She planned a full evening of fantastic food and fun games. She is such a blessing to us.



Praise Item

We want to praise God that our branch office is open.

We want to praise God for the way He has gone before Camilla and provided all she needs.

We want to praise God for safety as we have traveled many miles and for the way He supplied fund for all the traveling.

We want to praise God for Martin and Christiane Schumacher's safe return from home assignment.

We praise God for the people who stand with us in prayer and support.

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CULTURAL TID-BIT “SONG KHRAN”

April 12th--15th is the traditional Thai New Year. All over Thailand, people hurry to get home in time to help spruce up the house, participate in paying homage to Buddha images, and show respect to elderly family members by sprinkling water in a special ceremony. It doesn't take long for that polite sprinkling to turn into one giant water-throwing party. All along the streets, waiting kids and adults arm themselves with hoses, squirt guns, or buckets. They are waiting to splash you! Oh well, it's a fun way to cool off during the hottest part of Hot Season. Our local village community center is the place to be for those three days: traditional dancing on the big stage, game booths and prizes, bouncy trampolines for the kids, and movies on the big screen! Happy New Year!



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