

Peter & Kelly on The Way

Prayerletter October 2009 – (Canadian) Thanksgiving Edition

Dear prayer partner,

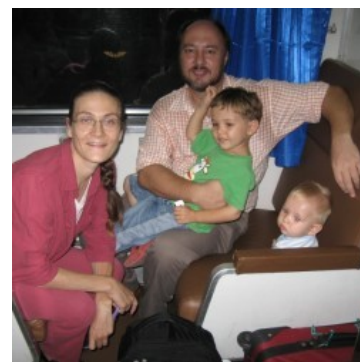
As I made a Thanksgiving poster with Lukas today, I got stuck deciding what symbols to use as decorations. The 'traditional' ones don't really translate here – there are no turkeys to be found and no autumn-coloured leaves. It made me think about what Thanksgiving is really about – celebrating God and thanking Him for all His good gifts. We have much to be thankful in our lives at the moment. We are thankful for our house in Lampang – that we have been able to set it up already and that it feels like home. We live in a beautiful spot among the rice fields and forested hills. We have colleagues who have been a wonderful help and support as we settle in to this new city and encounter all kinds of situations of daily life that we need to negotiate in Thai. We were able to rest by the sea for a two week holiday after all the stresses of moving. Lukas and Emmet are healthy, happy, active boys who are living life fully and challenging us to grow in character. We have just spent a special time with Kelly's parents and the boys thrived under Grandma & Grandpa's attention. We were greatly blessed by a number of gifts and cards and greetings brought to us from Canada. Both Peter and Kelly have met language helpers, have resumed language study, are enjoying it a lot and were even surprised at how well it's going after a couple months break. Peter is really enjoying teaching his English classes at the centre where we work here in Lampang and is building friendships with the students. The neighbours up the road drop by several times a week to visit the boys and we are beginning to build friendships with them. There are many dear friends around the world praying for us and following our story. And that is only the beginning! God is good! All the time! Happy Thanksgiving!

With much love, *Peter & Kelly* + Lukas + Emmet

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On the night-train

Praise with us:

For being able to settle into our house here in Lampang and that it feels like home

For our colleagues who are so helpful in showing us the ropes – both in the city and in our work

For finding language helpers and enjoying Thai study

That we have found what looks like a good pre-school option for Lukas

For a great visit with Kelly's parents – that the boys could really have a great time with Grandma and Grandpa

For a refreshing holiday

That we are finally shaking our coughs and colds that have hung around for a month

For God's protection when our car was rear-ended – that only Kelly was slightly hurt and that she is mending; that our car is fixed again; for a Thai friend who walked us through the whole procedure after the accident

That we are making new friends here