

Peter & Kelly on The Way

Prayerletter November 2009

The local labourers are scything and hand-threshing the last of the rice harvest and the winter weather is here: dry, windy, and cold at night. There are no heaters of any sort, so we have resorted to layers of blankets and pyjamas. Often chilly little boys join us under the quilt at 3 am to warm up!

The excitement of arrival in a new place is over, the slow work of integrating has begun. This comes with moments of both discouragement and encouragement. Last Monday we went to our first Thai Christian funeral to mark the passing of the father-in-law of Peter's language helper. He was a wonderful Christian man who had a great influence in his community and whose nine surviving children also are involved in serving God and others. We were reminded of the greatness of God's Kingdom and that investing in people is worthwhile and has far-reaching effects. Also we discovered that we actually knew a handful of people whom we could greet and talk to which made us feel like we were integrating in Lampang a little bit more.

Lukas is about to experience some community integration when he starts school on Monday. He will attend a kindergarten prep class three mornings a week (although his classmates go all-day 5-days a week!) Right now he understands very little Thai and has never been in the structure of a classroom setting. Please pray for him in this total Thai immersion and new routine that he will adjust well, make friends and learn the language.

Another big change for our team is that the landlord of our centre –The Lighthouse– has just sold it and we need to move out by year end. We are sad to lose our great premises and location but are open to see what new things might result from this change. Please pray that we would find a new base for our work soon – real estate is another cross-cultural challenge!

With much love and God's blessings,

Peter & Kelly + Lukas + Emmet

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Four days at the beach

Pray with us:

That we can build one or two really good friendships and also continue building more.

For wisdom to know what kind of place would be the best base for our work and that we would find it soon.

For Lukas as he starts school – for friends, Thai language and good adjustment.

For continued safety – Kelly had a mini-accident with the motorbike, and Emmet caught a brick in the head thrown by Lukas.

For health, we've all had colds lately.

For personal and spiritual growth as we encounter and process long-hidden issues on a regular basis in this cross-cultural life.

Praise with us:

For moments of real encouragement.

For both finishing up our next language module since leaving Lopburi with our new helpers here.

