

# Peter & Kelly on The Way

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We have now been back in Canada for two months and are enjoying the mild Vancouver weather where spring is starting to show up in snowdrops and crocuses. Our most difficult adjustment was Lukas changing over from his Dutch school to the Canadian school in grade one mid-year. It took a while to gain fluency in reading English after having started to learn to read & write in Dutch, after both boys had done such a good job adjusting to speaking Dutch..! As we all adjust through yet another transition, we are very grateful for the active support of Grandma and Grandpa in many aspects of our daily lives here.

We have a range of affairs to take care of, particularly dealing with health issues for each family member, and we have made great strides. Nonetheless, the OMF medical advisor has recommended that we not return to Thailand at the end of March, but set the date of our departure for Thailand to the end of June – pending medical clearance. This allows Lukas to finish his school year and helps us to work on increasing our resilience as a family so that we are able to have a good start of our second term serving overseas. We feel this is the right decision, although, while for Kelly this comes as a relief, Peter is longing to get on with the work in Lampang. It will be necessary to renew our visa in Bangkok before our return, so Peter will travel to Thailand in the final weeks of May, which gives him the opportunity to visit Lampang, encourage our friends and take care of some business there.

As our last remaining colleagues have left Lampang in December, the Lighthouse has not seen a lot of activity. Thankfully a Christian couple from the States who are teaching at a university in Lampang have been able to provide English classes in the Lighthouse on Saturdays. They will go back home in March though, and no team members are expected to return for months after that... Our good friend Boy is clinging to Christ, and he seems to have found a better job, so praise God for that. Our friend Gae is doing well, though she is not as active online as she used to be. We are thankful that our colleague Tomoko seems to be on the road to full health back in Japan, and that she is committed to resume the work in Lampang, but she has been advised to not return for another year. Our colleagues Rich & Lisa back in Australia are expecting their fourth child any day now, which will be a special blessing for Rich's father who is in the final stages of pancreatic cancer. Your prayers for them are appreciated; they could return to Lampang at the end of July at the earliest, but they will stay in Australia longer if necessary. Our colleague Mandisa is back in Thailand from South-Africa, but she will be taking up the role of coordinating short term missions in Bangkok after she finishes her Thai studies in Lopburi. Our colleagues Nick & Trish have committed to serve at the OMF headquarters in Singapore for another 2 years, so they will won't be back to live in Thailand in the nearer future. Finally, Jesse & Kristin Kroll are seeing their financial support increase, but not yet to the required level. They are considering leaving the States and going to Thailand as tent-makers until they are able to work as full-time missionaries again, so please pray for their way ahead.

Our vision for God's work in Lampang is more alive than ever, we long to see self-reproducing, life-changing, welcoming & outgoing Thai communities serving one another and journeying together under Christ's headship!

Thank you for journeying along with us. We're happy to be in touch with you and share more of our story, please drop us an email or give us a call. Lots of love and blessings,

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Family retreat on Mayne Island

## Pray with us:

For our friends in Lampang, who are bound to feel disappointed with our delay; that God would sustain them and continue His work in their lives.

For Lukas learning to read and write in English at school.

For sorting out Emmet's health issues with regards to food sensitivities.

That our plans for a trip to visit supporters and family in Alberta during Spring Break would come together.

For Kelly: increased resilience, increased energy, and fruitful times of personal growth.

For God's protection from all the schemes of the enemy.

For our team now scattered over 6 countries; that all will discern and trust God's leading in the way ahead.

## Praise with us:

For the provision of a wonderful apartment.

For the generosity of so many people who have given us things during our stay.

For valuable times together with family and friends.

For great teachers and classes for Lukas and Emmet.

For Danai who is continuing to delight us with his person.

For opportunities to share about what God is doing.

