

Peter & Kelly on The Way

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Greetings from a summery Vancouver! After much waiting and working towards our return to Thailand, things seem to be coming together. Peter's recent visit to Thailand was fruitful on all counts: renewing his visa and work permit, upgrading the IT infrastructure at the Bangkok OMF office, and setting up partnerships in the North for our future ministry. With the help of Thai friends, Peter was able to find a suitable house for rent that seems a divine provision. Many in our community in Lampang are looking forward to our return. A car is lined up for us to buy from a colleague. We found a suitable school for the oldest two boys and they are pre-registered. Lukas will start in "year 4" and Emmet in "year 1" of an international school in Lampang that follows the British system. On the Thailand side everything is ready. Here in Vancouver, Emmet's surgery went well, and he is recovering well too – as we write he's allowed to run again! This completes our medical clearance. This week and next, the boys are wrapping up the school year and extra-curricular activities. We feel we are entering the phase of goodbyes and closure of our time here in Vancouver.

And yet, we are still unable to book our tickets as we have encountered one final formidable hurdle: our financial clearance. We just heard this week that our level of financial support is at 79% while at least 95% support is required for financial clearance. We would dearly love to return to Thailand at the end of July for a number of reasons: The school year will start on September 1st, and we would really like to arrive in Lampang before that so that we can settle into our new house, so that Lukas and Emmet will have the best possible transition in terms of starting out the school year with the rest of their class. Another pressing reason for and end of July departure is that we have to have move out of our apartment here in Vancouver by the end of July. Please pray with us for the urgent need of our financial clearance, we will need to see God provide in amazing ways and on short notice..!

We sense that the Lord has been opening doors and preparing the way for us to return to Lampang and yet we are very aware that only in God's strength are we still able to hope that we will be able to go back to Thailand this summer. Please pray for us to hold fast to the Lord in faith as we now look to Him to do what seems impossible to us. OMF will grant financial clearance and we will know God has cleared the way for us to go when pledges of support that come in to them will tally to 95% or more of our needs. The OMF office in Mississauga has put together a breakdown of our finances for those of you who are interested in more detail, so please just let us know if you would like to receive this page.

We also want to thank you all for the warm and caring support extended to Kelly and the boys during Peter's absence: thank you for all the prayers and practical helps!

Lots of love and blessings,

Peter & Kelly + Lukas + Emmet + Danai

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Our latest prayer card picture ☺

Pray with us:

For support pledges to come in for a significant amount.

For our friends in Lampang, that God would sustain them and continue His work in their lives.

For continued good recovery for Emmet post-surgery.

For wisdom, love and righteousness in parenting.

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

That we can help prepare the boys well for return to Thailand.

That we would be able to say goodbyes and have closure of our time here in Vancouver, especially in the midst of the unknown departure time.

For emotional strength and organizational ability to accomplish the packing.

Praise with us:

That Peter's father and his wife could visit us here in Vancouver (June 17-21).

For all the pieces that seem to have fallen into place for our return to Thailand.

That Emmet's surgery both happened and went well.

That both Lukas and Emmet have had a wonderful school year and good friends and teachers.

