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Dear Friends,

One of the biggest needs we have in Thailand is for more workers. We have been praying for workers, and we know many of you have helped pray about this need. We want to let our 19 year old son, Matthew, share how God has been answering this prayer.

“A little over 8 years ago I stepped out of a Northwest Airlines 747 jet into a hot, humid September night in the country that was to be my new home. We were scared of everything from ice to immigration, and in that evening in Don Muang International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand, I wondered as an 11 year old boy what could have brought us to this place. I knew in general, of course, that God had called my parents to this place, but why? I didn't want to make Thailand my home, didn't want to learn Thai, didn't want to eat Thai food. I somehow thought that if I did these things I would quit being an American. Crazy, I know now, but it made perfect sense then. But over time, Thailand became home (I lived there after all), I learned to love Thai food (hunger helps, too), and after a while I could speak Thai without trying. Additionally, and more importantly, God had given me a love and burden for Thailand, and during the last 5 years in Thailand it has been my privilege to serve in churches in throughout Thailand.”


“But then in '07 when I was trying to decide what I was going to study in college, I just couldn't get any peace about what to do. I wanted to study aeronautical engineering, but not until I decided to enroll in Bible college also did I get any peace. So I enrolled in the University of Texas' TeleCampus online program (www.telecampus.utsystem.edu), and also Tabernacle Baptist College's external studies program (www.tbc.sc/college/external). This enabled me to study from our home in Thailand and still help in the ministry there also. I have also studied this way while our family has been on furlough this year, but was planning to stay behind and finish my engineering degree in the States. But I just couldn't get any peace about doing it. I felt that God still wanted me to serve Him in Thailand, and after going back to Thailand in January for a 2 week trip I felt this even more strongly. Two weeks ago our family was at the missions conference at Windsor Hills Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, OK, and during the services I knew that God wanted me to return to Thailand. I surrendered to go back to Thailand and continue helping in the ministries. Thankfully I can finish my Bible college from Thailand, and I am going to switch to Software Engineering which I can study online from the University of Phoenix (www.phoenix.edu). God has given me great peace about this decision, and by His grace I want to help bring His peace to the Kingdom of Thailand. And now I truly understand just why our family went to Thailand in the first place, as I now know that it is the place God wants me individually as well!”

We are so thankful to have Matthew continue helping us. Please pray for God to send more laborers into the harvest field of Thailand. Pray especially for Thai Christians to realize their responsibility to witness to others.

We are returning home to Thailand in 55 days (May 7th). During the past 8½ months of furlough, God has strengthened, encouraged, and challenged us. We are eager to get back to the work God has called us to do.

Yours For Thailand,

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