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STUBENRAUCH FAMILY

Happy Autumn and Happy Rainy Season!

Rainy season is the time of year that our friends all wait and pray for. This is when they plant the rice that will sustain their families for a whole new year. This year we had a few early rains and then nothing. The believers prayed for rain and it came just in time! When rice planting is on in the village, everything gets put on hold until the flooded fields are full of tiny, new, hand-disbursed, baby rice plants. As you pass the fields you see small bunches of these vibrant green shoots. After a little time, the clumps separate and spread out throughout the whole field. And then we pray for no floods that would submerge the plants more than 3 days and destroy the crop. So each year our farming friends must trust God for next year's rice.

We've just returned from a trip to Chiang Mai for meetings. It was a good time of rest and refreshing for our family. Beyond our meetings, we visited an international/ English speaking church and our children were able to join in missionary kids' youth group meetings, rollerblading outings and even went ice skating at one of the only ice rinks in Thailand. We visited the famous handcrafted, mulberry paper umbrella painting village in Chiang Mai, a limestone waterfall in the mountains, and I (MB) took our children on dates to the (Thai) French bakery nearby. We also met with old missionaries who gave us their wisdom of 50+ years on the field and we met with new missionaries who asked us for our wisdom from our 18 years in Thailand.

The old missionaries talked of God's faithfulness with broad smiles and the new missionaries talked of missionary strategy with sober faces. We are so blessed to be a part of this world wide community of sojourners.

Please continue to pray for us and for the multiplication of the Gospel in our Isaan region of Thailand. Please pray especially for two house churches in the rural regions of our neighboring province of Udon Thani. Because of the distance, our Thai team is unable to visit them often. Pray that they will mature in the Word and in their relationship with God, and lead many others to faith.

Pray also for our Thai team. As they currently work toward finding the Messiah in the beautiful, seamless, narrative of the whole Bible. Pray that they will be able to see God's plans for redemption from the beginning, and be able to share it with the many other house churches. Pray that God would increase their understanding and help them to be able to read with ease. Many of our team learned the basics of reading but struggle and long to be able to read fluently.

We hope to see you all next Spring! We will be making a trip back to the States to finally complete our family's two-week training with Globe International in Pensacola, Florida. Although it won't quite have been the two-three- year term in Thailand that we prefer between furloughs, this is mandatory and very important to our commitment to Globe International. This means we need to begin the fundraising for our plane tickets and missionary vehicle lease for our time in the States next Spring.

We would love to raise the funds for plane tickets by Christmas! The earlier we can get things settled for furlough, the less pressure we feel as we make preparations in Thailand for our time away. If you'd like to help us get our plane ticket funds raised by Christmas you can donate towards our travel fund at www.globeintl.org/members/stubenrauch or by using the remit envelope that came with this newsletter.

May the Lord bless you during this harvest season with His joy!
Love from Thailand,

Brian, Mary Beth, Asia, Mercy, Micah, Tyndale, Creed, and Davy



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