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# CALLED TO THAILAND

STUBENRAUCH FAMILY



## Hello from Laos!

That's right, Laos. I am currently writing to you from a hotel room in the capital city of Vientiane, Laos where we have come to ask for an emergency extension for our visas to stay in Thailand. We have officially lived in the Kingdom of Thailand for over 18 years now and for around 16 of those years we have had steady one-year visas. This year, after a change in our local government, the paperwork that we usually submit was not adequate. Now we are in Laos asking Thailand for a 90-day visa to get us through till we leave on furlough in March. We will know on Monday if we were approved. So, as I sit here writing, we are unsure if we will have 90 days, 30 days, or 15 days to purchase our tickets to America and pack up our things for our next furlough.



Laos Textile Museum

In true Stubenrauch fashion, we are on an adventure to find the best food, friendliest people, and most fascinating places. So far, we've seen how the Lao people traditionally weave and dye textiles (And tried our hand at it too!), walked through markets, walked to the nearby Patuxai Monument (Victory Gate), had some of the best Chai Masala (Indian tea) of my life, and eaten more than a few baguettes (French colonial influence).

Thankfully, these things are keeping us busy as we try not to think too hard about our visas. I wouldn't be telling you the truth if I made it seem like this is easy. Not knowing how much time we have left in our home before our trip to America and if we are going to be able to get a visa to come back to Thailand after furlough is feeling pretty real. We are trusting His sovereignty and grace for us as a family. We really need your prayer support.

We will see you all very soon! We are trying to gather our itinerary for our trip to America so that we can let you all know when we'll be seeing you. We will most likely be in Winter Haven, Florida in April and Kentucky in May. We will also be visiting our friends in between!

We are still in need of about \$5000 for plane tickets. Many of you have already given and it made our Christmas so special to know that you all were thinking of us over the holidays! Thank you!



Village Christmas Caroling in Thailand

We are so thankful for all of you who continually pray for us and give financially so that the Gospel can continue to take root in this unreached part of the world. The ends of the earth will know and worship Him! Thank you for joining forces with us in this very Great Commission.

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



Patuxai Monument



Tuk tuk rides for days



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