



The Stuberbrauchs in THAILAND



DEAR FRIENDS & FAMILY

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We have some BIG news! This month’s newsletter is different from any newsletter we’ve ever sent out before. **Our life is about to change drastically!** We wouldn’t have believed it even three months ago if anyone told us what God had planned for the next season of our lives.

We are officially moving back to America! The whole family is miraculously on board and we plan to arrive in Pensacola by May. As one friend has so beautifully said, “This does not come as a surprise to God.” We couldn’t agree more. As we look back over the past couple of years, we understand ways that God has been preparing us and making a place for us to continue our work Stateside.

We came to Thailand almost 22 years ago as newlyweds. Nothing could have prepared us for the life we would be living in Asia for the next two decades. On one hand, our life was just like anyone’s with ups and downs, sorrows and victories. On the other hand, it was a bit wild and uncharted. If you have walked with us for a while now, you’ll know we’ve been in some crazy situations and lived in some remote places. When we returned to Thailand last February, after being stuck in America during Covid, we assumed we’d be here for another decade or two.



Last Sunday with our Chiang Mai Thai church family



Brian preaching at Dream Church Chiang Mai

As the past couple of months have unfurled, we see so clearly now that **we weren’t “stuck” in America, but gently and carefully placed there by our loving Father.** Our prayer has always been that we stay close to the heart of God. We have always believed that we were willing to go wherever He wanted to take us. In many ways, moving back to America is a real test of the honesty of our hearts. In His infinite kindness, He has made all of us ready, even if it isn’t easy.

We are truly looking forward to continuing our work with missionaries and doing our piece to reach the unreached, while also being able to live in a more stable and settled community for our family. Our time in Pensacola transformed our hearts. It was a God-given glimpse of belonging to a place and community in America where we felt peace and purpose.

Our leadership at Globe is very keen for us to help them train and look after missionaries, among other things. **We believe our years in Thailand have prepared us for this next season of helping other missionaries to thrive in hard places.** I have shared numerous stories with you over the years of experiences that were very difficult to walk through. Often, missionaries feel that there is no one who can understand what they are going through. They may feel weak both physically and spiritually, confused, embarrassed, angry, and especially alone. Other times, they may feel unable to share real victories for fear of sounding prideful or pretentious. Wherever we are, we want to walk alongside people. For a long time now, along with Thai people, missionaries have been our people.



Our sweet grown up Bank. We have loved each other for almost 20 years.



At the Night Safari with Mammy!

There is so much to share about immigrant unreached people groups in America, future trips into Guyana, and work with Charity Chapel in Pensacola. I will have to defer to the next newsletter to share more. As Brian keeps saying, **“We feel like we’re being sent as missionaries to America.”**

Our position with Globe International as Assistant Directors of Member Care is still a support-based position so as to keep costs down for all the missionaries, including us. Member care, or pastoring missionaries, is a vital part of keeping missionaries healthy in unreached places. We are in missions for the long game. We want to see healthy marriages, families, and ministries thriving. We want them to consider the spiritual, mental, and physical health of their families and co-workers. We want to help missionaries discern the seasons of family and ministry so that the nations will see the goodness and glory of God. We would love for you all to continue supporting us financially and in prayer.

We are so thankful for your continuous and faithful support and prayer over the years. We have been doing our best to contact our friends and partners and share our news via phone calls and video chats. If we haven’t been in touch with you yet, it may be that we don’t have a correct email address or phone number. Please reach out to us and talk with us if you have any questions. Our email address is thaistuben@gmail.com. **We would LOVE to hear from you!**

Blessings from Thailand,

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



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