

Happy Returns

This morning in Bangkok, the deposed and former Prime Minister of Thailand returned to his home country for the first time in about a year and a half. For the most part, he was welcomed with much joy and appreciation by the citizens of the country. However, there is an underlying concern that his return may trigger a backlash from the opposition parties and military who overthrew him. It reminds us of how the lives of people here in Thailand are so strongly influenced by the events of each day with little thought for the future. It is our prayer that this mentality would be shaken, and people would begin to look with hope towards tomorrow and peace for each day to the return of the One to whom this world rightfully belongs.

The month of February held quite a few highlights for us here in Bangkok. Three of the biggest were that we celebrated Jeana's birthday, made our last visa trip to the Cambodian border for hopefully quite a few months, and had a very nice visit with Radt (Tim's former Thai assistant in the office who has started a new ministry in Southern Thailand) when she came to Bangkok for her brother's graduation. It was great to be able to spend some time with Radt, and to encourage and support her face-to-face. Ethan particularly liked the day we took her to the zoo for a "family fun day" out.



Two other highlights of the month for us were the opportunity for Tim to teach our local YWAM Bangkok community, and the fact that we were able to purchase our tickets for a return to the U.S. this spring/summer. Praise the Lord!! We're really look forward to this time since it's been about 2 years since we were back, and would like to show off our kids to friends and family. At this point, we don't have a detailed itinerary of our time available; however, a general overview of our anticipated schedule looks something like this:

April 14	Arrive in Michigan
April 14 to mid-May	Based in Michigan

mid-May to mid-July Based in Virginia
mid-July to August 20 Based in Michigan
August 20 Depart from Michigan

One big request that we do have for our time at home is for vehicles to use during our times in both Michigan and Virginia. If anyone is aware of any available options for us in this area, please let us know. We would like to have the freedom to be able to visit as many of you as we are able.

February Praise

1. Jeana's Birthday
2. A successful (albeit very long and tiring) visa trip to the Cambodian border
3. The opportunity to meet with and encourage Radt
4. The opportunity for Tim to share with the local YWAM community
5. The acquisition of our tickets for a furlough back in the U.S this spring and summer.
6. Complete closure on the lease from our previous apartment.

March Prayer

Tim has a few speaking engagements before our departure in mid-April. Following is a brief summary:

March 10-14 Teaching in NE Thailand (Khon Kaen) to a Discipleship Training School (DTS) (together with Ian)

Late March (TBD) Teaching a DTS from Hawaii who are coming to Thailand for their outreach

April 7-11 Doing Staff Training for a new DTS beginning here in Bangkok (together with Ian)

In light of this, we would appreciate your prayers in the following areas:

1. Protection and Peace for the rest of the family while Tim is away in Khon Kaen. We are grateful that there is a young short-term couple who have offered to help Jeana with the children during that time.

2. Tim's preparation for each of these groups, and the ability to share God's unique heart and words for each of them.

3. Safety and good fellowship for Tim and Ian as we drive to Khon Kaen and back.

Thank you for supporting and encouraging us!
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