

The **Gaudet's**
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Prayer & Newsletter



"Warm" Christmas Greetings!

From the **Gaudet Family** in Tropical Thailand!



This is a "Warm" greeting from our family to yours. Christmas in the tropics is always interesting. In a country like Thailand, Buddhists do not observe Christmas. That and the rather warm climate make it difficult to get our mind wrapped around the fact that it is already that time of the year!

About the only place we see hints that it might be approaching the holiday is in the shopping mall. Ever vigilant retailers never miss an opportunity to invite us to spend money!

This past year will no doubt prove to be one of the most memorable ones in our 29 years of missionary ministry. If not the most exciting, certainly it was the most productive, in terms of the long term impact of publishing the Word of God.

The year started with three co-workers from the USA serving alongside us. April Wilson, Sue Domangue, and Rachel Hammett all served faithfully with us here as did our Thai co-worker, Pook. Before the year was finished Anne Hammond swapped places with Rachel Hammett and then about the time all of them went back to the USA, in June and July, Psalm Henry joined us. Psalm is a member

of our church in Fort Worth and additionally she is Thai, the daughter of missionary John Henry in Nong Khai, Thailand. She has come for one year to



Not the kind of toy American kids get this time of year!

help and learn some office and publishing skills.

With the help of these ladies we have been able to produce 4 videos, with three more in progress. These are available if you have interest. Also, we have handled two container shipments

from the USA, and shipped many tons of literature from our location to many areas around Thailand and into three of the regional countries.

We have trained 4 men in typesetting and publishing. Krinny and I both have been involved in one-on-one mentoring of several. We brought men from **Burma, Cambodia and Laos** to work with us in publishing which has included **Bibles, Gospels, New Testaments, tracts, and discipleship** materials in at least 10 languages.

We have dealt with the Burmese, Karen and Cambodian Bibles, researching and coming to some conclusions as to the condition of the texts. We are now providing this information to publishers who are using it to formulate plans to print.

One of the largest projects we have ever undertaken was handled this year and is still in progress. In our last *Newsletter* we mentioned this foreign-language publication of the illustrated book of Bible stories, entitled "*Good and Evil*." It was necessary to expand our publishing office to accommodate this project. We now have 6 dual-monitor computers set up and on these we have handled to date, work on 26 languages. Translation of this book is now being done in over 70 languages, literally around the globe. Much of this is being coordinated and developed with translators by using the Internet from our humble office set up in Thailand. God has blessed.

Shipping:

We have started gathering literature for another container in Fort Worth, Texas at our home church. The first of the materials for that shipment will have arrived in Fort Worth by the time you read this. These are Thai and Burmese Bibles. A special printing of some illustrated Thai tracts will arrive shortly after. At this point, the date of shipment is unknown. That will be established as we get closer to having enough to pay the costs. Already around 1/5 of the total cost of this container shipment has been provided!

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Please pray with us about the remaining \$4,500. needed.

By the time you read this, a shipment of Burmese materials will be on the border between Thailand and Burma. With your help, we are positioning these materials for the greatest effectiveness in distribution.

Please pray that more national pastors here in the region catch a vision for the way that literature can be used to reach the lost. Some have started to ask questions and get involved.

From Krinny: Blessings of 2007

This past year has been one of trials and blessings as every year always is. The end of this year was a particular blessing as our daughter and 2 of our grandchildren were able to visit us here in Thailand. Lisa was here to help me buy clothing for the Hmong children with some funds given for the purpose. She was also able to see a wedding at the refugee camp. We thoroughly enjoyed the time with them and thank God for it.

Another great blessing was seeing "my girls" move forward for the Lord after leaving Thailand. Not one of them has fallen by the wayside or walked away from the Lord after leaving. I feel that God was able to speak to their hearts while they were here and they are resolved to serve Him. They are all in ministry somewhere now, moving



forward for Him, in preparation for further ministry.

One of the girls that we have known for the longest is Susanna Domangue. We have known her since she was 4 years old. She is also one of the longest ones to serve with us on the mission field, having been with us in the *Philippines, Australia, East Timor, and Thailand*.

She is getting married January 5th in Houma, Louisiana to a wonderful young man. How happy we are for her that God has rewarded her faithfulness in this manner. Many of the girls that served with her on the various mission fields are going to the wedding. Some of the girls have never met each other, but they have all served with her at one time or another and with us on the field. It will be a wonderful time for them all to fellowship and it is a particular blessing to me to know that they will be doing so.

We look forward to the Lord's soon return, but until then we thank Him for His blessings and look forward to another year for Him.

Outreach:

I was due to travel with some of our co-workers to Korat, Thailand where we were to join up with a local church in outreach for the *SEA Games*. As it turned out, I was unable to go.

Over the past month, I have had severe pain in my heel. This is an old problem that now is much more serious and this time has rendered me almost crippled. I

will be going in for surgery on it in about one month after some strengthening exercises.

At any rate, we shipped some literature and our co-workers did travel to Korat. Several churches sent workers and working together, they reached out to many of the spectators and athletes. It proved to be a great encouragement to the pastor and brethren in Korat. What an opportunity!

Office in Fort Worth:

At the same time all this was going on here, our office in Fort Worth has been busy also. Myra Noel has trained and is working alongside Chelsa Kaska, and others from our home church. They have been involved in web development, video editing, and publishing of several portions of Scripture, even a large print Bible.

These ladies have made it possible to have a web site set up to handle distribution of resources in several languages. To get an idea of the scope and purpose of this site, go to: www.resourcesformissions.org

We now also have a web site for our family: www.gaudetfamily.org

We stand in amazement as this is written. Our God has been faithful to us. May we be ever the same with Him.

For Souls Still Waiting,
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Aww, aren't they cute? (Grandkids, co-workers, and animals!)