

Arrival in Thailand:

My family and coworkers have arrived in Thailand and have set up both housing and offices. It actually took a lot longer and cost a lot more than we had projected, (It normally does!!) But it has taken the major part of one month to get functional with housing, vehicle purchase, internet capabilities, and storage facilities for the first shipment of literature which arrived the first part of March from our home church, Metropolitan Baptist Church, in Fort Worth, Texas.

funds will have to be on hand before the next shipment is made. I have asked the printing ministries not to print any more of what we have on hand now, rather to wait until we get some additional materials to them in different languages before printing more. There is a huge interest in publishing for the region and we want to do exactly what is needed.

work with us in literature distribution in Bangkok as well as up country in several locations. The logistics of a trip like this are always very involved, so please pray. It will be expensive for each of them to come and we want to make a difference in their lives as well as reaching many Thai with the Gospel.

Distribution of Literature in Thailand:

Since the arrival of the container of literature, several loads of literature have gone out to missionaries and national pastors in the Bangkok area, and we have taken sample packages of the literature as far as Udon Thani, where national pastors and missionaries from near the Lao border met us. Jeff Lange has hauled two pick-up loads of literature to Chiang Mai, in Northern Thailand, not far from the border with Myanmar (Burma), for distribution among some national pastors and missionaries up there.

Please pray for the subsequent shipments of literature that is being printed and gathered for shipping at this time. One more container is ready to ship but we are awaiting a more permanent place of storage here in Bangkok and also the funds for shipping. The last container cost \$4,200 for shipment and customs clearance fees. Those same

Jeff Lange Family:

Jeff and Theresa Lange have moved to Bangkok from Chiang Mai where they studied the Thai language and are now living close by us. They are the missionaries we are primarily working with concerning literature ministries in Thailand. I will be in and out of Thailand dealing



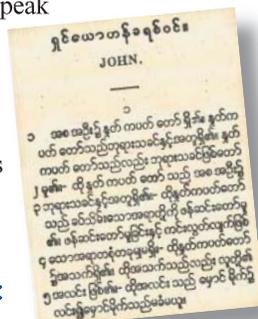
with brethren in surrounding countries which will take a major part of our time while based here. It is a blessing to have a young, likeminded missionary family to work alongside in Thailand.

Jeff is interacting with the other missionaries and national pastors here concerning the literature. He and Theresa already speak the Thai language, and have missionary status in the country. Not enough can be said for learning the language before jumping into full-time ministry. It is essential if lasting effectiveness is priority, and of course, it should be.

Also, in January of next year a group from Jeff's church, Fargo Baptist Church, in Fargo, North Dakota, will be coming over for the "Bangkok Blitz," as Jeff has named, to distribute tracts all over the city of Bangkok. There is always spiritual opposition to these type of things so please pray.

We have already hosted several folks who have come over from the US and Australia to access the situation and see how they can help with printing and distribution of literature. How we thank God for those of you who have a world vision and are not afraid to begin to minister "outside the box" of traditional missions.

The Old Adoniram Judson Translation of the Burmese Bible:



Groups Coming:

Our home church will be bring a group over July 20-29 of this year. The 24 people currently signed up will

Three weeks ago, I traveled to Myanmar with visitors Steve Zeiner, and Pastor Bob Hughes from Ohio. We were responding to a contact from Myanmar for the publishing of the New Testament

in the Falam Chin language which is being translated now. As it turns out, the translator is a fundamental Baptist Pastor who has a conviction about producing a TR based translation, but because he has signed an agreement with a Bible Society, the text will not be available to publish and give away. The Bible Society will own the copyright and distribution rights. This eliminated us having anything to do with the publishing or printing of that language. However, the pastor said, and several others agreed with him, that the greatest need in the country was for Burmese Bibles. I am sure you already know this, but Adonirum Judson translated the Bible in Burmese in the 1800's. It has been in print for these many years but with the advent of several new common language type translations, the publishers have begun to cut back on production of that text and it has subsequently become hard to obtain.

As I write this we are doing the preliminary work to prepare for a full scale text comparison so that we know what we have in hand before printing it. This will require a couple of trips back to Myanmar to complete. I just returned from a quick trip to Northern Thailand where I dealt with shipping into Myanmar from Thailand. Useful information and contacts were made.

What happens to the Literature?

We have two main avenues of distributing the literature:

The tracts, Gospels, correspondence courses, other study materials and books are all freely available to anyone in the country; missionary or national pastor. They can use it in their ministries as they see fit. Many national pastors have never

had a supply of tracts to use and are very much amazed at the large quantity that we have available.

The other means of distribution is to give it out ourselves. We have had a few opportunities to do outreach in various places throughout the city so far. Plans call for distribution in cities and towns throughout Thailand, places with and places without a church already.



With each tract or Gospel handed out we plan to have a response card inserted. These response cards increase the rate of response from people many times over. From one outreach involving around 10 people handing out literature for only a couple of hours 10 response cards have already been filled out and mailed back to us asking for additional information about the Bible.

In 1998 during the Asian Games, we distributed over 250,000 Thai tracts in two weeks and got back over 750 responses from Thai people wanting to know more about Christianity.

When someone sends in a response, correspondence courses are being sent to them. Bro. Lange had started a correspondence ministry while still in language school in Northern Thailand. He had written a series of correspondence studies based on a Creation to Christ approach. We shipped in a quantity of these along with two other series of correspondence courses. He is handling all of the responses that come. It is only a trickle now as we have just gotten the shipment and begin putting out the literature. We are having more of these courses and response cards printed for the next shipment as this is written.

I trust this overview of what we are doing with all the literature is helpful. In the other languages

for surrounding countries we are handling the literature differently. I will fill you in on some of that in a later update.

John/Romans for Laos:

The second edition of the Lao John and Romans is being finished up now and will be printed very soon. A small team of Lao nationals and an American missionary are currently working here in Thailand on this project. As soon as the John and Romans is finished, we will prepare it for printing and send it back to printers in the USA. The rest of the New Testament will take approximately one year to complete. Please pray for these men and their families. Laos is a "closed" Communist country. Their names will remain unmentioned for obvious reasons.

Khmer John/Romans:

There is an immediate need for us to reset and prepare the Khmer (Cambodia) New Testament and Gospel of John and Romans for print. Please pray as this work is undertaken. Much remains to be done in Cambodia on other literature also. We sense the need for laborers as we get into the needs here.

Distribution Center:



Please pray as we look for another storage facility for the literature. We need a place that is large enough to house a distribution center, correspondence school, printing facility, meeting rooms for training, and temporary housing for folks passing through. The facility that we are using now is

tied up with an organization that is closing and it will not be available much longer due to that. It is actually ideally suited for our purposes, but unless the Lord does something, we will have to vacate it soon. Please pray about this situation.

Copier Duplicator:

We are in need of a Ricoh or similar type copier/duplicator to use for printing short runs of materials that are being developed. It is useful to test what is being developed before printing large quantities. Also we would be able to print materials that are in short supply until the next shipment arrives. Printing is significantly expensive and this machine will pay for itself quickly. We just had a quote for printing response cards which we have already run out of. The price worked out to just over \$700 for 100,000 cards. That may be a good price but we really need 3-5 million of them! One million are being printed now in the USA for the next shipment. A machine like this is available locally for just over \$3,000.

English Services in Our Home:

Most of the Thai churches hold only Sunday morning services. To meet the needs of our "Family" and other English speakers in the area we began holding English services in our home on Sunday afternoons. Amazingly we have had a high attendance of 32. Only a couple of the



services so far have had less than 20. Not only English speakers are coming. Several services have been interpreted for Lao and Thai speakers who attend. These services have been a real encouragement to us. Of course it is a temporary thing due to the fact that we

plan to live in the region for only around one year. It would be quite impossible for us to do what we came here for and learn enough of the language in that time to be functional. We attend Thai services, but of course do not get much out of them; these English services meet needs for those of us who are not functional in the Thai language and minister in a more familiar tongue to those who are learning Thai.

Travel Needs:



By the time you read this, Krinny and I will be in Australia. I will be speaking at a Missions Conference in Melbourne for Silas Issa and in a couple of churches in Singapore on the way through. Others around the world are seeing the need in these countries that are void of the Word of God in their own languages. Please pray as we travel to these meetings as well as the need that I have to go to Cambodia, Laos, and back to Myanmar. The older I get the harder it is to make these trips.

Prayer Request for our Traveling Team:

As many of you know, Krinny and I usually have a small team of people who help with the typesetting and computer work that is a most essential part of our ministry. Three of these are single ladies. Many of you know Myra Noel, Susanna Domangue and April Wilson. They have served the Lord faithfully. Myra has been with us since 1998, having served with us in the Philippines, East Timor, Australia, South Korea and she is now here in Thailand. Susanna served with us in the Philippines, East Timor and for a short time in Australia before going back to her home church to work in their printing ministry. She has rejoined us here in Thailand. April is a member of our sponsoring Church

and has worked with us in Fort Worth for over one year and plans to spend around 4 months here in Thailand. These ladies are serving faithfully and a couple of them are in need of some additional finances. We need them and they need funds. Please pray for them and if you wish to help, you can contact them in the following manner.

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Printing Ministries:

Please pray for the printing ministries that are supplying the materials for this effort. None of them has made any charge to us in any manner. A few of these ministries are very large, but there are also many that are small. Two things they all share is a burden to see the Word of God in the hands of the world in their own language, and the relentless attacks of Satan to stop them from doing this work. They need the intercessory prayers of God's people for this great work, because they face unique problems that only churches who print the Word of God understand.

Pastor Surprised:

Three years ago in our quest to find solid evangelistic literature for the region, I ran across a tract that was written by a pastor in North Central Thailand. He had written it years ago, but had been unable to get many copies printed. I got a copy from him through a long time missionary to Thailand, then we ran it through the proofing and correcting process along with several other tracts that were obtained in a similar manner. I wish you could have seen his face when we met him recently and we opened up a box containing a sample of tracts that were shipped into the country in February. When he found out that we had 750,000 of these tracts that he wrote, he simply could not believe



it! What a joy to meet with him as well as three other pastors in Udon Thani and explain what the Lord did in providing the literature for this first shipment. Of course, we offered him all of the tracts he could use. Many more stories like this wait to be told. God has a plan for this region and we don't want to miss being part of it.

although I still have to sleep in a recliner to keep my back straight. I am not able to do many stairs at once, but I am still able to travel with Tom occasionally. I will be going with him to Singapore and Australia next week. Getting re-acclimated to the Asian heat took most of the first month we were here in Bangkok. It is very hot and all of us have to retreat to our air conditioned bedrooms during the hottest part of the day to survive. The tropical plants are beautiful and we have an abundance of colorful and interesting lizards that share our house and property. They range in size from about 1 inch to 3 inches long for the house geckos,

to the water monitors that live out back in our waterway, which are about 5 feet long. Last night we enjoyed watching and taking photos of a couple of big, fat ones outside on our front porch that were nearly a foot long. As you can tell, it does not take much to entertain us. However, this kind of entertainment is free. That helps.



From
Krinny:

I want to thank you all for the prayers on my behalf over the last few years. I am regaining some strength in my knee,



Floating Market Vendor



National Pastors in Udon Thani



Northern Thailand Hilltribes Ladies



Statue of "Guardian Spirit" at the Grand Palace

Tom and Karin (Krinny) Gaudet
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