



The Sullivants Missionaries in Thailand

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Jessica – August 7, 2002
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Dear Praying Folks,

We are praising the Lord for His grace and protection in the last two months. At the beginning of August, Maureen's parents came for a ten-day visit. This was a blessing for us. The children were very excited to see Grandpa and Grandma again. When we left North America, we did not expect to see our family members for at least two years. This visit was just an extra bonus for us.

While Maureen's parents were here the ladies went for an evening of shopping in Chiang Mai. They stopped by a pharmacy to pick up some natural scented oils. The pharmacy that Maureen usually frequents was closed so they went to another one further down the street. The sales lady was very open to receiving a gospel tract and said she had many questions about Christianity, but, the language proved to be too great a barrier for answering her questions. Please pray for Sa's salvation. There have been several incidents like this one. These events are great motivation for both of us to increase our efforts to learn the language fluently so that we may "*Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in*" us.

Our language studies are going well. We can communicate a little better everyday. We can get along fairly well in everyday conversation. I am just finishing the second module, so that leaves eight to go. In the first three modules, conversation is taught. Once the third module is completed, you are considered to be fairly fluent. In modules four through ten reading and writing is taught as well as the formal language that the Scripture is written in. Thanks for your prayers as we tackle this daunting task. God has not called us to do anything that He has not given us grace and help to accomplish. Praise His Name!

Speaking of communication, when we left for Thailand in April we had some magnets made for us that had our contact information printed on them. Upon our arrival here in Thailand my phone number would not work and I had to get a different number. If you have tried to call our number and wondered why you were not able reach us that is the reason. My new cellular number is 066.801.309.225. Maureen's cellular number is 066.856.202.807. Sometimes our best-laid plans can go astray. ☺

Some of you may be aware of the political situation here. There is a group opposed to the government that has been staging demonstrations for the last three months, but they became more aggressive at the end of August. As I write this letter, the Government House (Thai equivalent to Parliament Hill or the White House) is still being held by several thousand protesters camped out on the lawn. They are calling for the Premier's resignation. So far, only one person has been killed in the clashes. This has yet to be resolved, please pray for the situation here.

*"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

I Timothy 1:17



During this time, we filed our paperwork with the government here to import almost 250,000 John & Romans Scripture portions and an additional 10,000 New Testaments in the Thai Language. The container of Scriptures can now be shipped. We are very excited about seeing the Word of God being placed into the hands of the Thai people. Please pray that the container gets here without incident and that we do not have to pay import taxes and duty on it. Religious material is 'supposed' to be duty free, but regulations here can be a little ambiguous at times. Please also pray that the political situation would not interfere with the arrival of the container. Last week, the union of dock workers went on strike in protest of the government. Please pray that the docks would be open when the shipment arrives. But most importantly, please pray that the Lord would be preparing the hearts of the people who will be receiving the Scripture.

Before the political situation became out of hand, I left with the Horns and some Thai folks from the Church to go on a Missions Trip to visit Bro. Layne Jones in the Philippines. We had a blessed time at the two day conference there. In that time, 30 people trusted Christ during the soul-winning efforts which included passing out John/Romans in the local dialect. With our shipment of John/Romans coming it was a good morale booster as we prepare for the work we have ahead of us to distribute our shipment. It was a blessing for me, but also difficult to know that my wife and children were back in Thailand with all of the political turmoil going in. The protesters had seized four airports, but thankfully, the ones that we needed to fly through were not affected. Praise the Lord again! It was great to be reunited once again and I think Maureen will be able to sleep a little better now that I am home again.

A special thanks for the cards, stickers and chewing gum that was sent for Jessica's birthday. It meant a lot to her to know that people back home remembered her.

God is good – all the time. Thanks for your prayers and support.

For His Glory,

Michael Sullivan, Jr. & Family

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