

The Stubenrauch Family Serving the people of Thailand

We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf; Be reconciled to God. - II Cor. 5:20

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Greetings from Chiang Mai in Northern Thailand.

We have been here for about a month awaiting Stubenrauch #5 and visiting with the Doctor that will help bring him into this world. I (Brian) am again writing the newsletter this month as Mary Beth has been so hot, tired, and uncomfortable. It is so hard to believe that 9 months ago we were boarding a plane bound for the US and had no idea that we would be expecting a baby this April. It has been a wild 9 months traveling to at least 9 different states, boarding a plane for the 30 hour trip back to Thailand, then driving for 48 hours in a one weeks time to finally settle us here in Chiang Mai to wait for our new baby boy. We are so excited to see his face and hold him in our arms. Sometimes, I am so amazed at how blessed we are to have 4 wonderful children and another on the way. We are currently staying at a missionary guest house called the Juniper Tree. It is a wonderful place that missionaries can stay and relax, extend visas, catch up on dental work, have babies, or just connect with other missionaries. They take excellent care of us feeding us 3 meals a day and washing our clothes for us. I feel like royalty at every meal as we are waited on and even better about picking up my clean, ironed, and folded clothes at the end of each day. My 4 wonderful children are especially thankful right now that they don't have to eat my cooking everyday as Mary Beth has absolutely no energy to do much of anything right now.

In the next few days we will be in the middle of the Songkran festival where the entire nation will have a giant water fight. During these days both young and old take to the streets with water guns, buckets, cups and anything else they can get their hands on. They usually fill large barrels with water and ice and throw it at each other all day for about 3-5 days straight. It actually is a bit refreshing in the 105 degree weather, but it ends up getting out of control as revelers drink starting in the morning and continue partying into the night. This causes many unnecessary deaths throughout the nation each year. One year there was actually a man murdered right in front of our church. Each year our prayer is that God will protect Thai people, and they they will not go into eternity without a knowledge of the Gospel.

Our next door neighbor just recently spoke to us on the phone and told us that she has a friend that wants to know Jesus now. We are so excited to go back home and continue to reach the unreached in Loei province. Our hearts are bursting with vision and hope that the power of Gospel really is the hope of the nations. We know that there are many more Thai souls that will soon be saved, and we will see families and communities changed. Please continue to pray for the 68 million people that live in Thailand with us. Pray that the lies and deception that have been received as truth for generations would be exposed to them and that their eyes would be open to the truth.

Thank you to all of you who are so faithful to support us every month. Thank you for partnering with us to reach the unreached with the Gospel. Thank you to all of you who faithfully pray for us. We are so thankful.

NEWSFLASH!

The night this newsletter was written Mary Beth went into labor and gave birth to our Please welcome Creed Judah new son. Stubenrauch! He was born April 13th (Thai New Year!) at 5:15am. He broke the record as our heaviest baby weighing in at a whopping 9 pounds and 14 ounces! He was born strong and chunky and is adored by his brothers and sisters. Thank you for your prayers for a safe delivery. Please keep our family in prayer as Mary Beth recovers and we travel to our home 6 hours away. In the next couple of weeks.



Grace and Peace,

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

Welcome Creed Judah Stubenrauch!

