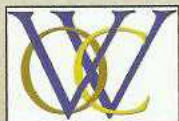


The Stubenrauch Family

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. -1 Cor. 5:20*

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Happy "Return to Thailand" month!

Well, at least that's what it was for us! We are so thrilled to be back in our home after six months in America. We had a really wonderful time in America, but its always good to come back to our own home. We landed in Bangkok just over two weeks ago, and then stayed a few days with our friends, the Hoars, who live just a few hours from the airport. We thought it would be wise to rest for a few days before we made the six hour trip to our house. While trying to get over jet lag, we also have been trying to get over sickness. After two weeks of fevers, congestion and ear aches, I think we are seeing the light at the end of the tunnel.

Unpacking, cleaning, resting, recovering and getting homeschool started back again have been goals within the house to make life smoother and a little more functioning. Once we were no longer contagious, we were excited to visit with our neighbors. Some of them didn't seem to mind the fevers and sickness from the get go. They just wanted to visit. Others, however, backed up and even turned around and quickly left our doorway when I told them how sick the children were. Now that we are feeling more like ourselves again, it has been so nice to walk up and down our road and talk to the neighbors or sit at the corner shop and have a bowl of noodles. The big question everyone has is, "When are you going to start teaching English again?"

Six months in America had really dulled parts of my memory of our home here. The extremity of the heat, the bugs and the dirt have taken me a bit to get used to again. The morning we left Kentucky my girls went with their cousins to feed the horses. We had a beautiful snow the night before, and when they came back for breakfast they said, "The thermometer said its eight degrees outside!" Now when we landed in Thailand the temperatures were 98-100+ for the first 5 days at our friends' house! That is a 90+ degree temperature change! Once we arrived at our home in Dan Sai the temperatures settled down into the low-mid 90s. Being great with child, as I am, I felt like my skin was on fire and needed a lot of motivation to do simple things like unpack suitcases, cook for my family, or walk up and down the stairs. (No central air here, folks.) Brian, however, has been cutting things down and building and fixing things outside most days. I sing praises to God that our beautiful home in the mountains also comes with the added blessing of cool night breezes. We even had a fabulous thunderstorm yesterday which always cools things down a bit. As for the dirt that seems to accumulate and the ants who love to crawl on my toilet all day...*que sera sera*.



Working hard on homeschool



Micah loves doing his math!



We missed our guay tiaw noodles



Snow on the ground the day we left Kentucky and it was in the high 90's in Thailand.

In a couple of weeks we will be traveling again to south Thailand where we used to live. Its time to renew our yearly visas. We requested to be allowed to renew our visas in Chiang Mai this year since we will be traveling there to have our baby in April. The answer was a big "NO!" So the first part of March, we will be taking the 40 hour round trip from Dan Sai, where we now live, to Hat Yai where we used to live and back again. Its too soon before the baby is born to risk the cabin pressure in a domestic flight, so we'll be taking our own truck down. Its going to be wonderful to see our good friends, the Garsees, as well as our precious Thai friends. We are excited to see the church there and how they have grown in the Lord since we've been gone.

Thank you all for your continuous prayer and financial support. We have returned to Thailand with hearts full of renewed vision and compassion from the Lord. Our time in America was a great refreshment to us and we are so thankful. Talking with the few believers here about their desire to see their neighbors come to know the Lord has been a great encouragement to us. Please keep us in prayer. We depend upon your prayer support more than you know. May the Lord bless your home with His peace and fellowship.

Love from Thailand,

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

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This is Lye our neighbor, good friend, and house helper. Please continue to pray for her and her husband as they grow in their new faith in Jesus.



It was sooooo good to see the Hoar family again.



Happy 8th birthday Mercy!



Jet lag naps