



# STUBENRAUCHS IN 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. -2 Corinthians 5:20

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## Long Overdue

Welcome to our long overdue update on the Stubenrauch clan. As you can imagine, life with six wonderful children can be a bit busy. With our move to a new province, bringing a new baby into the world, homeschooling, and ministry, our schedule is extremely full. As you read, we pray that you enjoy hearing about what God and doing and know that we think of you often. Blessings to you all!

## Family News

I once read a joke that said, "You might be a missionary kid if your life story contains the words '...and then we moved to...' more times than you can count." I was sitting around the table today and each of the children were asking me how many times they had moved since they were born. It was fun to remember each of the seasons that God has brought us into and out of over the past 16 years in Thailand. We are starting a new homeschool year in a spacious home, in a (sort of) suburban neighborhood, in a rapidly developing city in Thailand. We're studying everything from ABC's to Plutarch's Lives in grades ranging from preschool to 10th grade. Baby Davy gets passed around for kisses between astronomy and



grammar lessons and may be able to have a very lively discussion about literary analysis soon. We are missing our green countryside and our tiny, little, village home in Dan Sai, but at the same time, also completely enjoying the modern conveniences and larger home we've been given! And then, it's almost time for the leaves to start changing in America and we are also beginning to miss family get-togethers in the cool autumn air. We have so many places to love...we must be blessed!

## New Believers and New Churches in Loei Province

After moving our family to Khon Kaen from Loei province at the end of this past January, we felt so torn because there is still so much need for a viable church in that area. We spent much of our time training and encouraging two particular men in Loei to take the Gospel to their own people before we left. Since then, these two men have worked together with another man to see a new church plant take shape in Dan Sai, Loei.



New Church meeting in Dan Sai, Loei

They are now seeing close to 30 people come together to worship Jesus each week in a local hotel. They have adopted a policy of staying outwardly focused and taking the Gospel to the many villages that still have no Gospel light.

They have also started one other house church in a village in Dan Sai district where close

to 40 people

meet every Wednesday. This other house church is made up of about 50% believers that have grown cold in their faith and some who have even gone back to Buddhism, drinking, and many other vices. The other 50% is unbelievers that have heard about Jesus, but only recently committed their lives to Him. I am so excited to hear testimonies every week of people being delivered from alcoholism, idolatry, gambling, smoking, and drugs. It is so exciting to hear about what God is doing through these awesome men of God in Dan Sai.

## News From Khon Kaen

My time here in Khon Kaen has been so much fun. I have had the privilege of working with Bill and Julie Hughes, long time missionaries in this province. They have done such a spectacular job of training these people that everywhere we go they are constantly sharing the Gospel and praying for sick people.

Recently, on a prayer walk in a new village, we saw amazing things happen as God began to work miracles on the streets. Whenever we would stop to share with one person we would soon have about 10-20 people surrounding us, hanging on every word we shared with them. It was so much fun to sit with a group of Thai people and share with them the hope I have in Jesus.

This particular village now has a new house church that has been started by one of the new believers. We are hearing testimonies of amazing miracles taking place, leading many to decide to completely surrender to Jesus. A severely broken arm was miraculously set, several women that could not have children are now expecting babies, a man that couldn't walk is now walking, bad backs healed,



Sai, leading a new house group



This man had his broken arm healed after falling out of a tree.



and many more wonderful things. One lady told me that she went to every temple, every witchdoctor, every fortune teller, and every shrine she could think of to fix her problems when one of the new believers in the village told her to pray to Jesus and He would help her. She prayed and within days her husband had a job, family problems were resolved, and she felt true peace come into her heart for the first time. I had the wonderful opportunity to baptize her along with the man who previously could not walk, but now is walking because of our wonderful Jesus. Every week I am hearing new testimonies of new believers being baptized, amazing miracles taking place, and lives being radically changed by the power of the Gospel. It is so much fun!! Please pray for us as we continue to reach out into new homes and new villages.

With love from Thailand,

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



Worship in homes



This woman could not have a baby until the believers prayers for her



Praying with new believers