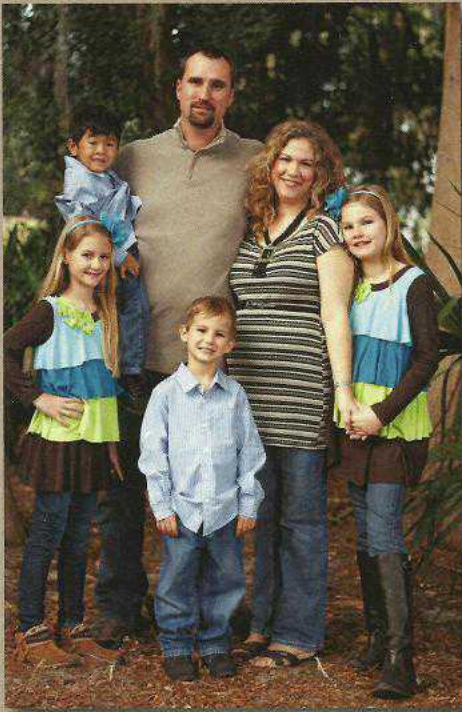


Hello again from sunny Thailand.

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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. -19 Cor. 5:20*

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We have finally arrived back in our home to stay for a while now. There is so much to get done, it is almost hard to figure out where to start. I (Brian) spent about three days working on a water pump that just about found itself a permanent home in the bottom of the river that flows close to our house. However, after being soaked in water several times, many cuts and bruises, lots of sweat, and almost tears, the pump is now fixed and working wonderfully. We also have been reorganizing the house, dusting everything, washing....everything, and almost boiling in the 100 degree heat. We are almost settled in. We are so excited to be home in spite of the challenges and looking forward to continuing to reach out in Thailand. Our neighbor, Lye, is growing daily in her faith and sharing with almost everyone she knows how wonderful Jesus is. There are a few friends that are showing much interest that we are hoping to connect with in the next few days. One of these people is a very sad story. An 18 year old mother has tragically died. She gave birth by emergency C-section to a beautiful baby boy. A few weeks later, after being transported to the bigger hospital in our provincial capital, she died of what doctors think was a heart problem. The father of the baby has decided to raise the baby himself, but he is young and poor. Lye told someone in his family about us and that we probably would have some second hand baby clothes we could give to him. The head of the village where that man lives wants to invite to whole village to meet us when we come so he can "hear what we have to say". We were a little in shock as Lye told us this and we had to ask lots of questions to be sure what she was saying was what we thought she was saying. We actually were planning to visit them today, but found out they were not free because of a funeral in the village. Please pray for us as we visit this hurting family that we will have words from heaven to bring peace into their lives. Also pray that God would already begin to convict them of their sins and prepare their hearts to hear the Gospel.

We are in the process of looking for another building to rent so that we can continue to teach neighborhood children. It seems that wherever God leads us, we end up loving on children. The area we live in here is full of children that have been sent to live with their grandparents so that the mom and dad can make money in Bangkok. Most of them are well taken care of, but you can see a deep longing in them for love. Many of these children only see their parents once or twice a year for a few days. Please pray for us as we reach out to the children in our area, that we could demonstrate to them the love and power of our Jesus.

In a village about 20 minutes from us lives a couple that went to our Bible School in Hat Yai. They have recently led a lady named "Muu" to Jesus. I almost laugh every time they say her name because it is the Thai word for pig.



Helping daddy clean up the yard



Aquaponics should be up and running again this week.

It is a very normal name for Thai's, but it is still a bit comical to me. Muu has come to Christ recently and then shortly after noticed that her many health problems began to get better. She is growing in her faith as Bia and Thoy encourage her in her new faith. Please pray for Bia and Thoy as they disciple her, and pray for Muu to grow in her faith.

We are desperately hoping that this hot season is coming to a close. It seems to be lingering a little longer this year, but today we've had our first glimpse of the coming rains as the sky has been overcast and threatening rain all day. I've gone to judging the temperature in my house by what state of liquid my butter is in. This morning, I thought it was cooler but when I opened my butter dish to retrieve some for my pancake it was still a liquefied yellow pool that had to be gotten out with a spoon. Its hard to fully explain how just simple heat can wear down a body and sometimes a mind. I (Mary Beth) watch Brian working hard in the heat and come in soaking wet with blotchy red skin, and hear my little girl coming in my room in the night, too hot to sleep. So today I am thanking God for grey skies and cooler temperatures.

Our family is so glad to be home and settling back into a routine. We were so thankful for the Juniper Tree in Chiang Mai where we waited on baby Creed and where we stayed while I recovered for a few weeks after he was born. While we were there we all had dentist appointments and Mercy met with a wonderful orthodontist who studied in America. Mercy is now sporting a new rainbow colored retainer to make room for a tooth that decided not to come in. Now we are all working on starting life again in Dan Sai with a new little member of the family who is surrounded by his adoring siblings who would rather hold him and make cooing sounds than study their Math or Spelling...and a Mama who would rather hold him and coo than *teach* Math or Spelling. I'm afraid to blink lest all these beautiful children be grown and heading off to change the world, yet that's exactly what I'm praying they will do.

We are so thankful for all the messages and congratulations. Thank you all for praying for us over the past months of our travel as well as for the birth of our baby. Now it feels like we are back in the trenches and needing your continuing prayers for our family and for the Thai people who surround us.

Grace and peace,

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

P.S. For those of you who are looking for ways to partner with us financially here are some areas you can help.

1. Brian is taking a permaculture design course to learn how to best lay out a self sustainable farm. The course is an online course by one of the most well known names in this field name Geoff Lawton. The price of the course is \$950.00 for a three month course in which he will receive a certificate as a certified permaculture consultant and teacher.
2. Nan who lives and works with us is looking to take a three month course that will give her a means to support herself as she works to reach the unreached in South East Asia. The total amount of the 3 months that she needs is \$830.00 including room and board.
3. We are still raising funds for what we have called Project SPEED (Sustainable Projects for Equipping, Empowering, and Development. We still need about \$85,000 more just to purchase the land for this project.

If you would like to give towards any of these needs please make a note of that when you give online or when you send in your check, so we know which need you are giving towards. Thank you and be blessed!



Daddy and Creed enjoying some relaxation after daddy's hard day of work.



Nan enjoying our little treasure



Tyndale enjoying one of his favorite Thai soups



Mercy has adopted three little neighborhood chicks that have no mother.