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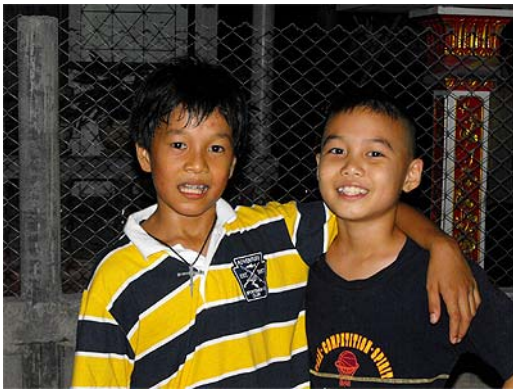
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Dear Friend,

VISA AND WORK PERMIT UPDATE



Jefferson and his Thai friend "Up"

On Australia Day – January 26th – I (Janene) collected my finalized work permit from the office in Phang Nga. Praise God I have permission to officially do what I have been doing for many months now! The Government now considers me Director of Eaglesrest Foundation, which means a lot of accountability to regulations and occasionally being visited as I work.

Now we are in negotiation with the Immigration officials to have our visas changed to be under Phang Nga province rather than Phuket. This may involve a large amount of money to ensure that our visas are a full year and not the limited time we now have through Phuket. Keep praying with us for the officials to be cooperative and procedure to run smoothly.

MYANMAR FAMILIES

It has been an uphill battle to try and obtain visas for Pastor Jelee and his wife to get into Thailand and attend time at Eaglesrest. The Thai Embassy in Rangoon (Myanmar) is insisting on proof of assets and bank accounts before approving the visas. Of course, if the family had either they would hardly be coming to Eaglesrest as our guests! We are daily in negotiation with agents and pastors who are trying to help us in the venture and we pray that by the time you receive March's news Pastor Jelee and his wife will have spent a restful, stress free two weeks with us here. Please keep praying. Pray also for their four boys who will be left behind in Myanmar as their parents travel out for rest.



Tim, Glenis, Emily, Chloe and Samantha Rumsey. The family came to visit Eaglesrest while on holidays in Thailand from Queensland, Australia.

MUM AND OTHER VISITORS

Mum is due to leave on February 10th after a wonderful three months of sharing our lives. It will be sad to see her go but we look forward to the next visit!

Tim and Glenis, Emily, Chloe and Samantha Rumsey all joined us in Phang Nga for the final day of their holiday to Thailand. It was wonderful to meet them, show them around and pray with them about the ministry of Eaglesrest Foundation. God continues to bring special people into our lives.

A week later we were joined by a team of five from Petaling Jaya Gospel Hall in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. These men and women came to pray with us and encourage us in the work, showing their sincere interest by the many questions asked and viewing

"...those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."
Isaiah 40:28-31

the current Eaglesrest site and land we are praying for. It was a wonderful time of fellowship over the six hours spent with our family, before they headed back to Phuket where they were visiting the Christian Assembly.

STEPHANIE – CAMP REPORT

Our four children are all back into home school for the new year after a well earned break. Stephanie (13) asked me if she could tell you all about the highlight of her holiday.

...I just want to share with you the experience I had at the Teen Street camp (in Sarawak Malaysia). It was so much fun! Having no parents and no brother and sisters around was a different experience. The people there were so nice and so loving that they did not make me feel like I was a stranger to them. I met a lot of people from Malaysia, Singapore, and Brunei. I was glad that we could worship God in different languages, not just English. It was good to hear them praising the Lord in different ways. Some of them dance while others sing. There was one song that each group had to invent a dance to. It was fun watching people trying to invent a dance to the song. In the end the Bruneians won and in my opinion, they invented a dance that fitted the song well.

While I was at the camp they taught us how to destroy the idols in our lives. They taught us how to recognize them, how to reject them, and to destroy them. Recognizing the idols in my life was easy, but getting rid of them is going to be the hard part. I'm glad our Father in Heaven can help us when we ask.

I enjoyed the activities, the Bible Study, and the free time we had at camp. I'm glad my parents let me go to the Teen Street camp. It has helped me a lot.

I hope you are all in good health and please continue to pray for us. Thank you for all the love you have for our family. May the Lord bless you with a special blessing.

Stephanie.



The Mission Team from Petaling Jaya Gospel Hall, K.L. Malaysia. Their visit to Eaglesrest was a great encouragement to us all.

ANSWERS TO MINISTRY NEEDS

Thanks for responses to last month's needs. We now have a very good second-hand microwave and the Lord provided even more with the donation of a TV and DVD player for the learning Centre. What a great God we serve!

UPCOMING MINISTRY NEEDS

- Our most urgent need right now is for a supervisor/teacher for our children's home school program. If you, or someone you know, have the time and ability and heart to serve, please let us know. (even a few months would be great!)
- Volunteer cooks for guests and visitors to Eaglesrest – ongoing
- Volunteer English teachers for local Thai outreach
- General helpers for maintenance and odd jobs – ongoing
- Office assistant /language helper(Thai and English required)
- Financial assistance to cover wages of our (yet to be appointed) Thai office assistant/language helper
- Increase in number of supporters for the general running costs and maintenance of Eaglesrest Foundation.
- Increase in regular support for our personal family needs.

ELEPHANT GRAPH 2010 – GOAL!

We would love to see our elephant filling up – a long way to go to be able to purchase the land – but every little contribution gets us closer! Lets' pray and set out hearts in unity to see the land purchased and dedicated to our Lord for the ministry of Eaglesrest Foundation during 2010. The current balance is \$US16,382.



Janene, Rommel, Colleen, Stephanie, Jefferson and Nicole Ala