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Dear Friend,

Our planned trip to Bangkok for passports was delayed for a week due partly to unrest and disturbance in the capital. The other area of concern was Rommel's eyesight.

A week before we were due to go to Bangkok he woke up with severe pain in his left eye and was unable to endure any light. He described it as feeling like there was chili pepper in his eyes. I drove him to the hospital where they told us he had ripped the surface of the eye. This is caused when the eyes are very dry while we sleep and so the inside eye lid adheres to the eye ball. When the eye is opened suddenly, the separation causes the damage. For a week we travelled to and from hospital and even though his eyes are much better he must continue eye lotions for some time and wear dark glasses when in the bright light.



The Thai seminary students were a great asset to our missionary friends in the community outreach during their stay in Phang Nga. They devoted one full day to helping concrete the basketball area of the playground. They seemed to enjoy getting their hands dirty! See left.

A second group of Thai students from Bangkok, this time high school age, are due to arrive for a week of outreach in the local area during April. It is great to be able to offer them the accommodation of Tinno House (Eaglesrest Foundation) free of charge during their stay.

NEW VEHICLE

Eaglesrest Foundation is the proud owner of a beautiful Toyota 4x4 Hi-Lux pickup. Although it is second-hand it is in very good condition. The interest free loan covered the basic cost and we have yet to cover the transfer fees, government charges, and roof rack addition. When funds allow we will also need to have the Eaglesrest logo on both front doors and seating/weather covering added to the back section. (Quite common and legal to transport people in the tray here in Thailand)



BIBLE SEMINAR

Please pray this month for Pastor Allan Stanley-Smith (Australia) who is our guest speaker for the second Eaglesrest Foundation Bible Seminar designed as a way to build up the local Christian community. In addition he will hold a week of English classes which is a great outreach as well. Photos and report included next month.

"...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

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This segment highlights people who have spent time at Eaglesrest in the past as we have been getting established. This first letter is from Alaska. Aurora and her family spent three months with us at the beginning of 2009.

There are several different places that I consider "home". I feel truly at home in the little town where I grew up going to Independence Day celebrations, at my Grandparents house – and at the Ala's place in Thailand.

I went to Thailand expecting to have the "mission experience". I expected to find great spiritual truths revealed to me, difficult working conditions, and exotic customs. Instead, I found a family. My family. Our Lord says that all Christians are one family, but I never believed it till I met the Alas and the Thai Christians. They showed me what true brotherly love is, and made me realize that my family is everyone who follows Christ. We are all in everything together.

Now I am back in Alaska, doing school-work and trying to stay warm. I don't know what the Lord has for me, but I hope the plan includes me going back to the Alas. They really need help to get Eaglesrest going, and I miss them a lot. In other words, I want to go home and visit my family.

Aurora Lyman, 17 years, pictured back in the ice and snow of Alaska



ANSWERS TO MINISTRY NEEDS

- Praise God we have a set of bunks donated which we were able to collect and bring back with us from Bangkok. This will make it easier when we have larger groups using Tinno House.
- Praise God we have been able to employ Lyn, a Thai woman from our church, who has become the full time Eaglesrest Foundation House keeper. She will be a valuable asset to our team. As we have moved forward in faith we are still praying for sponsorship to cover her wages.
- We have been told of some resource books being donated to our library for Asian guests and will take possession as soon as we can get them from Australia.
- One creative supporter has found a unique way to fundraise. While mucking out the horses she was asking God to provide ideas to help Eaglesrest Foundation. When she turned around her eyes fell on the growing pile of manure. She now spends her weekends delivering bags of 'fertilizer' for many grateful gardens!

A WAY FOR ANYONE TO GET INVOLVED!

1. Faithfully pray for the ministry of Eaglesrest Foundation and the needs of the Asian families.
2. Invite your friends to be put on the mailing list for newsletters
3. Give a special gift – this can be for something specific, or "where needed most"
4. Consider sponsorship of a family or pastor, or Christian worker.
5. Become a regular supporter for the general running costs of Eaglesrest Foundation
6. Come and spend time as a volunteer – just about anyone can help in some way.
7. Assist someone else to come and help
8. Help buy the land so building can begin
9. Consider a team from your church, club, or friends becoming involved on any of these levels.
10. Refer an Asian pastoral family in for care
11. Create a fund raising idea of your own for Eaglesrest Foundation (please obtain permission to do this if using our name)
12. Donate good Christian study books, (Bibles, commentaries, study books, music etc) for the library, or for Asians to use as resources in their home churches.
13. Add a link to Eaglesrest – www.eagles-rest.info – to your web page.
14. Commit to one dollar a week (a third of a cup of coffee) or \$5 a month. Then recruit at least five friends to do the same – How easy is that!

Until next month,

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