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Dear Friend,

During April Eaglesrest had a total of 30 guests (including children) booked to stay an average of seven nights each. The first of these came as a result of our Bangkok visit.

When we attended Calvary Baptist church in Bangkok we had a wonderful opportunity to present the ministry of Eaglesrest Foundation. Pastor Martin Chappell chose to speak that day on God's perfect timing. Although he was referring to the birth and death of Christ in that perfect time in history, I also thought how true it is that God has the right time for everything that happens in our lives. The fact that we had re booked our visit to Bangkok twice and were finally there seemed significant and I mentioned to someone how I was sure that God had us there on that day for a specific reason. I was excited to see what it may be.



Our children presenting in song at the Bible Seminar. See next page for more.



Some of the Baan Jai Dee orphans learning English with Allan.

As it turned out I didn't have long to wait. On our journey back to Phang Nga I received a call from a missionary who had been visiting Calvary church that Sunday. There was the need for a couple to come to Eaglesrest to receive care and rest, would we take them? Up until this point this particular couple had refused to consider leaving their various ministry roles to take a break (they had not had a holiday or time off in 25yrs!) but the situation had become critical and they had finally agreed to come if it could be arranged.

As they are Burmese (Karen tribe) people and without official status in Thailand, they had to receive permission to leave their village and so I prepared an official letter of invitation addressed to their village leader. We prayed for his favourable response and waited. After his refusal we again prayed. Late that same day he had a change of heart.

On May 7th they arrived from the north for ten days of refreshment and council. One of the referring missionaries said, "Thank you (Eaglesrest) for being there" That is what we are all about. Providing care for those Asians in need who have nowhere else to go.

When signing our visitor's book at the end of their stay the wife wrote "...*thanking you again for make me to reunite with my husband...*" Thanks to those who make it possible to continue in this vital work. (More sponsors are urgently needed)

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"...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

## DONATED

Radio Bible Class (RBC) is the distributor of OUR DAILY BREAD publications in Thailand. When visiting them we were blessed to take possession of a number of devotionals in Thai as well as some Bibles and other literature in Burmese. These will be well used in the months ahead. Another gift included Bibles in Chinese. What a great start to our desired resource library for our Asian guests.

## VISAS

Our visas have been approved for a full year – until March 2011. Thank you to all who prayed about this with us.

## BIBLE SEMINAR AND ENGLISH CLASSES- PASTOR ALLAN STANLEY-SMITH



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This April the theme for our seminar was: *The way to Human Wholeness and Freedom*. Studies were based on the book of Ephesians. Although numbers were a little disappointing there was a lot of positive feedback from participants about the relevance to their lives and how encouraged they felt by the messages. One family travelled 50 kilometres by motorbike/side-cart to attend some of the sessions.

The next Seminar will be at the end of October when Pastor Kirby Lancaster (South Valley Baptist Church, Geelong, Australia) will come to share before moving on to India where he regularly travels to train native pastors.

The English classes had a definite atmosphere of fun and laughter as the children (morning) Teens (afternoon) and Adults (evening) learnt together with Pastor Allan. A small group of children from Baan Jai Dee orphanage ([www.baanjaidee.org](http://www.baanjaidee.org)) in Chiang Mai travelled down with two of their staff to join the activities. They also enjoyed the facilities of our playground and Tinno house for the week before making the 24 hour bus trip home again.

There is a great interest in English here and it is still our desire to have a continuous program available for local outreach through Eaglesrest Foundation.

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

This second letter in our series of messages from past volunteers comes from the Hayden family in Hawaii who are entering a six month training program with YWAM in preparation to move to Asia next year.

*Our time at Eagle's Rest was a time of spiritual growth for our family, as we sensed God's presence during our entire stay there. What an awesome work God has done in the Ala Family's life as they live their lives serving Him. Our hearts were ready to bless Eagle's Rest upon arrival, but instead God had even greater plans for us. We received an amazing friendship and blessing, a bond that we have never experienced before. This time at Eagle's rest was definitely orchestrated by God.*

*A few months before heading to Thailand, God called our family to serve Him full-time. Basically, He wanted us to leave the conveniences of home and live our life as missionaries. As we spent time with the Ala Family God confirmed this.*

*Our time with the Ala Family will always be remembered, as they were a part of this new direction for our family. Troy, Kanoe, Sierra and Ethan Hayden. (Hawaii).*



The Hayden family from Hawaii - preparing for full time mission in Asia.

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