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Dear Friend

Praise God for many answers to prayer. Almost immediately our September newsletter came out, the request for a new web designer was answered. Dana Bratton has done a wonderful job of giving every page a new fresh look. Dana was a hospital chaplain and pastor in Southern California USA. He first came to Thailand right after the tsunami to see what he could do to help. About three years ago he and his wife Cindy moved permanently to Thailand. They taught English at Step Ahead in Khao Lak, on the coast of Phang Nga, and then went to Perth, Australia for three month of Discipleship Training with YWAM. Rommel helped the Brattons move to Bangkok for Thai language study soon after. For the last year and a half Dana has pastored Calvary Chapel at the Bridge in Thachatchai which is a small village on the north end of Phuket Island that was hard hit by the tsunami. Dana enjoys web design as a side hobby and especially enjoys helping Christian ministries with their sites.

I encourage anyone who has not visited the Eaglesrest site: eagles-rest.info recently to do so as soon as you can, there are many additional photos and up to date information. You can even find a current building proposal which will continue to be updated as we move onto the land in the coming year. I am sure you will be pleasantly surprised at what has been accomplished on the web site in the past four weeks.



Colleen turned 15yrs in September and Jefferson also celebrated his 11th birthday. Here they are with the two puppies we decided to keep from the litter of ten. The black one is Mya and the little brown one is Judah. The others have all gone to good homes.

VISAS AND WORK PERMITS

These are almost always a trial for people seeking to serve overseas, and in our case the experience was once again no different. Right to the last minute we were praying for papers to be passed. As it was, our visas expired before the necessary work permit was granted and so we were given a penalty for overstaying. We thank God for providing the extra funds to cover the fine.

Rommel now has a work permit through another foundation to allow him (and us) another two years in Thailand. I (Janene) will be applying for mine through the newly registered EAGLESREST FOUNDATION. However, that cannot be done quickly as there are many papers to be prepared by the board chairman.

AN INTRODUCTION- FROM OUR CURRENT VOLUNTEERS

God has brought us to Phang Nga, Thailand, at this time to help the Ala family through to the end of 2009 school year. What a privilege to be a part of the work they are doing here at Eaglesrest, giving support to Asian pastors when in need of rest. Grace will be giving Janene a break and over-seeing the children with their school work while I, Kingsley, will help Rommel with some maintenance work that is needed around 'the nest.'

"...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

Father God has been doing a work in our lives since we were in Thailand for seven months back in 1997. Our focus over the years has always been to return, but either we haven't been in a place for God to use us, or it just wasn't God's time. Praise God, He is faithful and has opened the door and allowed us to come now.

My background is retail hardware and Grace retired as a registered nurse June 2008. When in Australia, I usually drive a school bus morning and afternoon. We have a small acreage in a little town called Proston, 45 minutes west by car of the PEANUT town of Kingaroy, Queensland, Australia.

After our three months at Phang Nga we will travel to central Thailand to catch up with friends; those we were involved with previously at a home for children. We are looking to the Spirit of God to show us Father's will for our lives here in Thailand. We have a sense that this will not be a one-off visit but an ongoing work. – KINGSLEY DICKINS

NO COMPARISON!

The following is taken from a web site which seeks to attract tourists to Phuket. It refers to a huge Buddha statue now almost completed on top of a mountain on the island:

When the project is complete, there will in fact be two Buddha images. A smaller one, 12 metres high, made of 22 tons of brass and costing 8 million baht...

This will be dwarfed by the giant Buddha image, which will face eastward toward Chalong Bay and Phang Nga Bay beyond. When finished, (it) will be 45 meters high and 25 meters across at the base.

It is expected to cost about 30 million baht to complete the giant image. "So far we have received donations of more than 20 million baht. The money has come from everywhere, from locals, from Thais in other provinces and from foreign tourists. With our website and the help we have had from the press, we have even received donations from overseas."

The work is going well...the next step – covering the entire structure with 135 tons of Burmese white marble, another donation from devout Buddhists.

www.phuket.com/magazine/big-buddha.htm

Over 30 million baht (642,508 EURO) raised from the devout Thais and foreign tourists. We serve a risen, glorified God who can, and does, hear and provide. Are we so fervent in our giving?

Until next month...

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



Grace settles into the teachers' desk and Kingsley helps with making security grills for the windows of the guest house.



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