

Memo from Paul and Sarah in Thailand, June 8, 2008

Dear Friends,

We've been planning to write an official update newsletter for the past few weeks now, but have made no progress so far. So, we're writing another casual update for those who've shown interest in more frequent updates. Below is my recent post on <http://www.xanga.com/paulmkim>:

Family Update

i just made an update on my 'official' website, and cut and pasted below:

Sarah is learning a lot about herself and issues of culture, as she gets to know the Thai people and society. Please pray for strength and wisdom as she continues homeschooling Lydia, and has added on the responsibility of leading a weekly Bible study.

Lydia is growing very fast, as a preteen. Her attitude is changing and she's trying act like an adult while still being like a little kid. She's also getting to know the Thai culture pretty well as the only foreigner in a traditional Thai dance school. Please pray that we will be gentle and loving parents while she goes through rapid changes.

Timothy just started his third year of Thai kindergarten last month; he really likes school and has a lot of Thai friends. Please pray that he will grow to know Jesus Christ personally.

Paul says, "I am very busy this month (June 2008). This past week: Monday (Thai lesson in the morning and a weekly dinner with Eli), Tuesday (a full day of giving lectures in Chonburi seminary, 2 hours away from Bangkok, then rushed back for a farewell dinner for a missionary family), Wednesday (lunch with another missionary couple we studied Thai with, Newsong staff meeting, Thai Bible study), Thursday (speak at BCIS high school graduation, lead English Bible study, run to the airport to see the missionary family off for home assignment), Friday (lead leadership class discussion group in Chula University, take a long subway ride for lunch with a Thai deportee-- who cancelled after I got there, shopping with Eli for his stay in Chonburi Center, Lakers 1st finals game at Santosh's place-- a rebroadcast for Asia), Sat-Sun (regular church schedule). All this while I had to prepare annual reports and presentations for our agency's annual conference next week; I also had to make final arrangements for the visiting short-term teams. I didn't get to exercise once, or read or rest. And I just remembered that I have a wife and two children, especially while I'm updating this webpage! So, please pray that God will help me not to burn out but to be an effective missionary in this busy month; I barely have time to think. I need to focus and prioritize. I need to watch a movie. But, I'm also a month behind in my update newsletters."

Warmly,

Paul and Sarah

Pictured below is Eli Pak, on his first weekend in Chonburi (May 2), before he came to Bangkok to study Thai for a month. He's done and will move to Chonburi this week.

