



11/19/2009 Four Years

Dear Friends,

HOW ARE YOU? We're grateful and feel privileged that you continue to partner with us in prayer and financial support for the Good News of Jesus Christ in Thailand. We know that you will enjoy the fruits of our labor together, and pray that God will bless you in your work at home and in your families. Next week will mark the 4th anniversary of our arrival here in Thailand (Thanksgiving Day, 2005). Pray for Thailand as its leaders are working hard to weather the economic downturn and achieve political stability. Let me introduce my friend's [blog](#) that shows how his family supports us.

POOM IS A DEAR FRIEND of us in Thailand; he's been helpful in connecting us to many of his other Thai friends. He's a natural connector, and last month he organized a retreat for his daughter's school friends and their families. We were excited to fit in to this small retreat ([photos](#)) of about 70 people in Pranburi, 3 hours southwest of Bangkok on October 9 – 11. There were no services, because it was not a religious retreat. But, we had a good chance to mingle with the families and have gotten together for dinner with some of them in the weeks following the retreat.

NAMSEOUL CHURCH (est. 1975) has been a tremendous supporter of my parents since 1976, when they first brought my brother and me to Thailand. Actually, it was the first church to support my parents, and my parents were the first missionaries it supported. So, there's a special relationship with my family, and even more so now that they support me financially. The senior pastor, Rev. Chul Lee and his team came for a short visit on October 15 to commemorate the 22nd anniversary of a seminary they help found in Bangkok, and we got to spend some time in fellowship as well. It was a special day for my father, since one of the seminary graduates was a young man who had gone through the drug rehab (and discipleship) program in Chonburi Center a few years ago.



AS THE FIELD COORDINATOR, assisting the field director here, I had to take care of our short-term missionary, Son Jihye, who had just gotten here at the end of August for a 2-yr term. Her health was not good, and after a fainting episode in language school, we sent her back to Korea on October 17. We felt sad that we were not informed of her health condition before her arrival.

MY FATHER HAS BEEN ORGANIZING a 4-day seminar (GSI, or Good Shepherd Institute) for church leaders every two months. And last week, we celebrated the 100th GSI. There are more seminars like this in Thailand these days, but a large network of church leaders has developed over the past 17 years or so through these bimonthly seminars.

OLC (Outreach Language Center) is facing another opportunity. At this point, I'm the only one teaching English Bible studies, and only once a week. But the pastor who has been letting us use his 4-story building for free has informed me that he plans to vacate the building early next year. That means, we should either prepare to move out (maybe to McDonald's) or plan to develop our ministries to take over the building. An ideal situation would be where the top two floors are occupied by two or more volunteer teachers (short-term missionaries) and the bottom two floors used for more teaching sessions. Please join me in prayer for this opportunity, and let me know if you or someone you know might be interested in partnering with me to serve the Thai professionals.



GLOBAL THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY has begun its 2nd semester, and I'm teaching Systematic Theology and Beginning New Testament Greek 2. On the left is a photo of my class from last semester. Missionaries Park Soo-young and his wife have also joined the weekly teaching duties from this semester, but we also need a (Thai) cook for the students who are dorming there.

Please pray that God will help us to focus our ministry resources as we near the end of our first term and prepare for the second term.

In Christ,
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