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I JUST SAID NO TO RYAN, after he called from the detention center asking if I could help two refugees who couldn't speak either English or Thai. I explained to him that it's against agency policy, that it could lead to a whole flood of others like them who'd get my number and call me for help, that it's not my mission, etc. Just yesterday, I had said no to a wealthy, 60-yr old man, who was in desperate need; the man was sobbing like a baby. I'm going to be a successful missionary; my agency and the Thai church would commend me for staying focused. But to keep this level of focus, I must stay numb to the pain of others.... Why am I afraid of what Jesus might say later on?

HOW ARE YOU? There's a lot of snow in the states, and I wish I was there to feel the cold. I think it's time for a brief furlough; we plan to visit the states on late August for 2-3 months. Our family is fine. Sarah is thankful that we're here, the kids are growing fast, and my English seems to be getting a little rusty. Please plan to feed us like a pig when we visit you. We thank many of you for having supported us for the last 4-5 years. Below is a photo from a homeschool co-op group (ice skating) that Sarah and the kids have joined. Can you find Lydia and Timothy?



A LOT HAS HAPPENED since last September: Poom's [Verge Retreat](#) in Pranburi (Oct 9-11), Sophia and Sam's [Wedding](#) near the Cambodian border (Oct 20-21), the 100th bi-monthly Good Shepherd Institute in Chonburi Mission Center (Nov 10-13),

Korean Missionary Association Retreat in Pattaya (Dec 21-23), Floating Mission School (a GP vision team, Jan 19-23), [CBS](#) (Dr. Joe Kim's mission team from Japan, Jan 21-26; I will attend Tokyo 2010 Conference in May 11-14 and visit CBS too), Global Together (Dr. Myung Ken Lee's team from Korea, including a special group of Thai-Korean kids, Feb 3-9).

PILGRIM CHURCH [EM](#) (Joe Chu) and I are planning a [MK Youth Retreat Chonburi](#) in June 14-17. We have an endorsement from the Korean Missionary Association in Thailand, and the church will sponsor the expenses for up to 40 MKs. Please let us know if you'd like to sponsor or be involved in some way. One of the things we're trying to do is to help the teenage missionary kids be thankful for their third-culture environment, and to prayerfully consider how God might be raising them up as global followers of Jesus in the 21st century.

SHORT TERM TEAMS for the summer are filling up fast. Besides the team from Pilgrim Church in June, NYPC is planning a trip in the beginning of August, and two more teams are considering coming here for a short-term mission trip. There's actually no more room for visiting teams, unless a team cancels. However, I'd be happy to introduce you to other missionaries, or help you plan your visit here without my being available full-time.

Please pray for us to maintain focus without losing focus on the love of Jesus.

Please pray that:

1. Our summer before furlough will be a productive one.
2. God will help us to be a family of missionaries, and not just a missionary family.
3. Sarah and I will continue to experience a deeper understanding of the grace of God.

In Christ,
Paul, with Sarah, Lydia and Timothy

We want to edify you. Let us know if you wish to UNSUBSCRIBE or keep in touch through other means (eg, emails, snail mails, or occasional postcards).