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4/14/2010 *The Heat Is On*

GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS from Bangkok, Thailand. Things are certainly heating up this week, the hottest week of the year for Thailand. And the Bangkok protests took a deadly turn last Saturday as the government tried to wrap things up before the Thai new year celebrations (Songkran is April 13-15 every year). I know that there are many upsetting news around the world. But thank you for partnering with us for the Perfect News!

MY PARENTS have served as directors in Chonburi Mission Center for over 20 years. That's what they're known for in the missionary community. But I've always felt that my father's 15 years as a board member of EFT (Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand), the biggest denomination or association of churches and ministries with over 800 missionary visas, was his greatest contribution to the Thai church community, especially as the only foreigner on the board. I admire his friendship with the Thai pastors. He and his old buddies 'retired' early to let the younger (people in their 50's) generation take over. But this summer he was voted to be on board again for a 4-year term.

SUSTAINABILITY is a hot issue these days. Chonburi Center is planning to plant 10,000 rubber trees at a cost of 75 baht/tree (about \$2.32). If you or your group would like to sponsor a tree (or a hundred trees!) please let us know. I'm also praying for some solar powered street lamps to light up the center at night. My teaching load at GTS (Global Theological Seminary) has doubled, as I will teach a couple of modular courses during summer break.



We are blessed by Poom, as he invites us to develop relationships with his Thai friends through regular dinners and retreats. You see Sarah cutting kimchi with Kwan, Poom's wife. (Photos by Poom)



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. You can see our summer schedule for mission teams [here](#). I had a great time helping out at a youth conference up north with my friends Bun, Oh and Kilang. And pray for me as I attend Tokyo 2010 conference in May; I'm excited to meet my friends Joe and Juliet Kim, old friends and young missionaries in [Nagoya](#), Japan.

Please pray for a peaceful resolution to the current political deadlock in Thailand.

Please pray that:

1. *The visiting mission teams will have a great experience of learning and helping my Thai friends.*
2. *God will guide us as we feel it's time to raise the quality of our ministries while lowering the quantity.*
3. *We will plan well for our furlough planned for August – November of this year.*

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).