

The Richard Guay Family Missionaries to Thailand

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Dear Friends.

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again." John 3:7 Two weeks ago after reading this verse to his Sunday school class, our son asked the children if someone can really be born a second time. Much to his surprise, several children said "Yes, of course we can be born again. We have all lived before, and now we just can't remember our past lives." They were talking about the Buddhist belief of reincarnation. Matthew spent much time explaining what the verse really meant. Only two of the Thai children in his class are Christians. Although many of the others have come to church for several months, they have not yet understood the Gospel.

Our church is just across a pond from a Buddhist temple. Last Sunday was a day that many boys became monks for a week. They believe this earns merit so that their parents can someday reach their version of Heaven. We awoke that day to loud rock music coming from the Buddhist temple. The music was followed by monks chanting loudly for hours. The chanting could be heard during all of Sunday school and most of the church service.

These last two Sundays served as great reminders that most of the people around us are living in darkness. They worship and pray to idols that can't hear them, help them, or save them from an eternity of suffering in Hell. As we strive to tell them of the only way to Heaven, we are daily disappointed by the realization that most Thai people believe that Jesus is the foreigner's God. They say "We can't be Christians. We are Thai!" To them, being Thai means being Buddhist. Please pray for them to understand that there is one God, and that He shed His blood and died so that everyone (all nationalities) might be saved.

Our greatest desire is to see the Thai people saved, but it seems that our work is constantly being interrupted by illness. During the past few months, all 10 of us have had health problems. For most of the children, these have been minor problems like viruses, sinus infections, and colds. But for Joshua, it has been worse. He was re-diagnosed with epilepsy. He is again having absence seizures. Also, he has had a virus for 3 weeks. Richard is still having many health problems. This time they seem to be because his thyroid medicine was too low. Now, he is taking a higher dose and is improving. Kristi was just diagnosed with hyperthyroidism. Her heart rate is too high, and she is feeling really bad. Due to sicknesses, we have temporarily canceled our English and Computer classes. Please pray for our health to improve so that we can do more to reach more people.

We are so thankful to each of you who have called, sent emails, letters to encourage us, and those who sent money to help with our extra expenses. We are even more thankful for each of you who prayed for us. We have truly needed your prayers these past few months, and we are grateful!

In spite of problems, God is still in control, and He is still doing great things here. Last Sunday, a lady that always comes to church told us that all week her adult children had fussed at her for being a Christian. They told her she should go with them to the Buddhist temple. She almost decided not to come to church because her son was very angry and was returning to his home in another city that day. But she knew she should come to church and put God first, so she came. Then at the end of the service, he came to the church on his way home and told her that it was okay, and he wasn't angry. God worked out her problem after she put Him first!

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