

Norman & Bobby Murphy



Working in South East Asia with...

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July is past and with that another busy month in Thailand is over too. After a series of flight delays and one missed flight from Bangkok to Chiang Mai I eventually made it to my destination. I had to book another internal flight but on the plus side I got a good nights sleep in a very comfortable hotel in Abu Dhabi courtesy of the airline.

In The Village

Shortly after arriving in Chiang Mai, Clark & Mary Aspinwall and I travelled together to the north east of Thailand. The 13 hour drive across country to the Bru village was a great opportunity to enjoy each other's company and catch up on the events of the past months. Over the next week in the village we would have many more opportunities to discuss the Bru church and Clark and Mary's future role in assisting the church there.



Planting Rice Among Gathering Storms



Bru Believers Meeting Together

Most people in the village were busy with rice planting during the day but in the evenings and on Sunday we were able to spend time with the believers. It was encouraging to see them continuing to function as a body with little input from outside. They do need more of God's Word in their own language, so the Aspinwall's will continue working on translation and discipling the leaders in the church. Recently the believers have been exposed to some false teaching. Please pray that they will be protected from heresy and know how to respond with truth.

Back in Chiang Mai much of my time was spent in the mission office, meeting with people and in committee meetings. My final week in the country was our annual field conference. Conference is a highlight for many as missionaries get together for fellowship, ministry from the Word and various sessions and discussions on the future of the work in the coming year

Quick Turn Around

As soon as Norman got home we immediately booked tickets for our next spell in Thailand. Thanks to Bobby's improving health we'll be able to stay for 6 months. We leave from Dublin on 20th September and return in March next year. We have also started the visas application process.

Those initial days back in Chiang Mai will be busy as we set up home again. Please pray for suitable housing and for strength for Bobby as we look for furniture and prepare a place to be our Chiang Mai home. In October we have two training seminars to attend on curriculum development & church planting, followed by an Asia Leaders' Forum.

Of course it will be difficult to leave the family once again. Since we came home this time, Jacob (1) has learned to walk; Sarah (8) and Joel (5) have had birthdays. We will miss seeing them all. We enjoy skypeing with the family in Canada and can see the boys growing so much. We're thankful that we can continue to skype with all of them while we're away.

Prayer & Praise

Bobby's health remaining stable
Profitable time in Thailand in July
Bru church and Aspinwall's ministry there

Return to Thailand in Sept
Finding house to rent and setting up home again
Training Workshops and leadership meetings
Burmese trip and openings for future ministry

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