

Norman & Bobby Murphy

Working in South East Asia with...



Wedding Bells

Well actually there weren't any 'bells' at the wedding but you get the idea! The main event for us this month was Naomi and Neal getting married on Spring bank holiday weekend (6th May). After a lot of planning and a little panic at times that everything would work out, it turned out to be an excellent day. Naomi and Neal put a lot of thought into the wedding service, which set the tone for the rest of the day's celebrations. The weather was kind to us too.

The newly weds near Slemish

May 2013



Are you at home now?

We're often asked this when we bump into people here in N Ireland. We understand their thinking and share their confusion. We've been travelling between countries so much over the past while that we hardly know ourselves if we are coming or going! So a wee update of our travels might be good.

Bobby and I were both able to be in Thailand from January until March when Bobby had another appointment with her consultant. We left Thailand as the temperatures were reaching 40deg's but got delayed in Paris in a sub-zero snow storm. A lot of our time was spent indoors during those first weeks back in N Ireland!

Email and skype enable us to continue with responsibilities back in Thailand and internet helps us to work on PGA. Of course nothing is as good as actually being in the country, so I've booked flights to return to Thailand in July. This will be for one month but we are hopeful that we'll both be able to return in Sept for a longer period.

We realise that all this travelling back and forth has been necessary for Bobby to receive proper medical treatment but we look forward to the time when her condition will be under control and we will be able to work more consistently in one place.

Expanding the Scope of the Field

Some important changes regarding the future of the work

It has always been our desire to see believing tribal people take God's Word to those of their own tribe across the country's borders. To some extent this has happened but as an organisation we see it is time to expand our ministry into those neighbouring countries too. What we do may vary from group to group but it is likely to include assisting the church and providing resources and materials. From the 'people group assessments' that have been taking place we can see some areas of need but look to the Lord to open doors for us. So, the scope of our ministry is expanding from Thai/Cambodia to become the field of S E Asia.

A Spiritual Strategy

'I am convinced that the answer to the problems involved in reaching the Buddhists in our generation is of a spiritual nature. In order to cope with this formidable task we need vision, perspective, preparation in prayer, dedication to people, perseverance, coordination, and cooperation.'

Paul Wagner



Our travels have not made it easy to arrange meetings but if you would like us to speak at your church, Bobby and/or I would be pleased to share about the work at Sunday services, youth, ladies or mid-week meetings any time we are home. Please contact us.

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Thank you for praying for us and for your encouragement and support.

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