



Tales of Thai Currie: September Update



Arrival in Bangkok Airport with Wingfields

Culture Shock Confessional

I expected this landing to be much easier. After so much dreaming, traveling, and preparing, I feel like I've been smacked across the face arriving here. I've been reduced to a two year-old in my abilities to communicate, socialize, and get around.

Yet the words in the Bible are coming alive so much more in my struggles. For example, in Psalm 13, the writer pleads for the Lord to light up his eyes so that he can rejoice. Being here, I plead the same. I ask God to help me get past culture shock and homesickness. Help me find joy here that lights up my countenance. The Psalmist ends his psalm reminding himself that he has trusted in God's steadfast love and God has dealt bountifully with him. As you read the rest of the newsletter, you will see how God has provided so much for me and He is doing much here. I pray that God may continue strengthening me here and teaching me.

Prayer Requests

- Adjustment, culture shock, JOY for myself
- For the Thai people, that more may know Jesus
- MTW Pacific Area Retreat: Sept. 12-19
Pray for encouragement and refreshment for all we missionaries that will be meeting in Malaysia.
- Language School: Sept. 20, I begin Thai classes through December. Pray for focus, fast grasping of the language so I may be equipped for ministry.

Great Things Happening Here

Amidst inabilities, I have a great team including four Thai roommates and one American roommate (all on staff) that are teaching me the language, culture, and what effective ministry looks like here.



Ying, Me, Kieow, Yu, and Dana (Tang not pictured)

People that we are befriending through English classes, work in the slums, and everyday life are showing interest in what we believe in. For example, we eat often at the nearby market in the booth of Kuhn Au. My first Sunday at the Thai church was also her first Sunday at church as well! Through the team's love and friendship, she has begun coming to a Women's Brunch and to church every week.



Pray that other people we are befriending might desire to be part of our community. For example, we roommates have also made friends with a family next door. We seek to invite their two children to our children's club in the next week. Pray that that relationship continues growing.



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