Peter & Kelly on The Way

Prayerletter June 2009

Dear prayer partner,

We are into the last stage of our time in Lopburi. In just over a month we will be loading all our belongings into our car and be heading to Lampang. But these last 5 weeks will be full ones. Tomorrow we leave for the annual Thailand field conference to enjoy fellowship with colleagues who live and work all over the country; to sit under Biblical teaching in English; to join with full understanding in English worship - we are looking forward to it! Peter has been asked to lead two of the plenary worship sessions. The week of July 7-11 will be a milestone in terms of our language study: Peter will have his check for his 9th (final) module and will write (and converse!) his Year One exam; Kelly will have her first check since Emmet was born to complete her 7^{th} module. Then we will have time to round off cultural assignments, go to Bangkok to tie up last loose ends of business and goodbyes, and begin buying (and possibly sewing) some of the necessary items for setting up house from scratch (our house here has been fully furnished and equipped with linens, tableware etc.), share dinner with neighbours to say thank you and goodbye, and finally say farewell to our local church community. On July 27th we will embark on the 6 hour drive with our packed car to Lampang. Our team leader has found a good housing option for us there but the rental is not completely finalized.

We are already feeling the weight of goodbyes. It is difficult that just as we are feeling that we have built relationships to the point of being able to really connect and get to know people (both local and colleagues) we are uprooting and starting all over again. Please pray for emotional resilience in this big change which comes in a long line of recent big changes.

With much love, Peter + Kelly + Lukas + Emmet

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Praise with us:

That Kelly has enjoyed her return to language study

For all the aunties and uncles that have helped to care for Emmet while Kelly has been studying

That Peter will be able to succesfully complete his Year One exam before we leave Lopburi

That we seem to have a good housing option in Lampang

Pray with us:

That Peter will be able to lead everyone into the presence of God as he leads two worship sessions at conference

For clear minds and good recall in our last language checks and Peter's exam

For emotional resilience during the transition process of moving

For wisdom to know how to help Lukas and Emmet with the transition

For the house rental to finalize without trouble

For peace and political stability for Thailand