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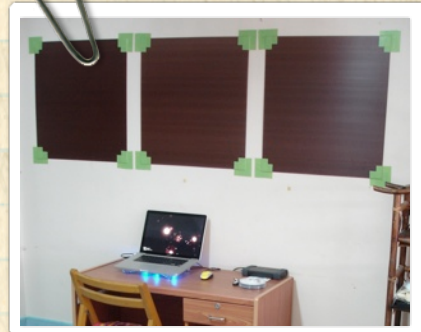
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OUR FIRST MONTHS IN THAILAND

What an adventure it has been over the last 2 months, leaving our life in the States to begin a new one here in Thailand. We cannot doubt God's hand in everything, and your prayers are what have gotten us through thus far! Praise God for bringing us here safely, blessing us with friends and family like you, and already allowing us to be a part of something great.

During the course of our short time here, we've discovered what it's like to be working within a truly international organization. Of course, we knew we would be working with and serving the Thai people, but we were surprised to find just how many other cultures we would be joined with. We have people who are German, Dutch, Thai, Indian, New Zealanders, Swiss, Australian, Indonesian, English, Brazilian, American, and more, all serving the Lord and learning alongside one another here in Lopburi. Talk about learning how to communicate! We have enjoyed getting to know our fellow language learners and thought you may like to meet them as well. The photo above is our "class," the group with which we have entered the current language term. We would like to invite you to **pray with us** for all of the students at the LLC (Lopburi Learning Center), as we work together, study hard, and learn how to reach the Thai people with the message of Christ.



It's project time!

Here's the deal - now that we're in our own place, it's time to make it our home. In order to do this, we've placed some boards on the wall, but we really need your help for the next step.

What we want from you is this:

Send us a picture (or a few) of yourself to fill these boards with reminders of home. Use one you already have, take a new one, do a series of fun shots, add a mat or border... do whatever is "YOU." Churches, you can even send one of your entire congregation! Then, just pop it in an envelope, drop it in the mail, and check back next time to see how much progress we've made!

So Just How Much Thai Can You Speak?

The majority of our time in Thailand thus far has been spent on studying the Thai language. We have individual lessons twice daily, 5 days a week, totaling around 6 hours of study each day. The language study program is divided into modules, each comprised of 19-20 lessons. Each module is designed to last a month or so, and the school requests that at least 9 modules be complete before leaving Lopburi to work in the field.

Due to our prior experience with the Thai language, we were each able to complete the first module in 10 days and pass the requirements for our first language check. We have since begun the second module, and should be finished with it by the time you receive this letter. Praise God for allowing us to retain what we learned almost 4 years ago! Please **pray** as we begin our third module, as now we will be getting into parts of the language with which we are not already familiar.

Outside of classes, we have been taking time to get to know the community around us, using our Thai at every opportunity. Brook has become friends with a night-watchman in our Hostel, and Sara has taken up badminton with one of our Thai teachers. We enjoy being able to go into the markets and communicate, as well as perform every day tasks. Through practice and study, we are now able to carry on basic conversations with every one we meet. How much easier it is to share your life when you have the right words to say!

In other news, after just over one month in our room at the youth hostel, we are finally moving into our own home! We will be in a traditional rowhouse located in a small neighborhood here in Lopburi. We will be the only non-Thai on our street, so **pray** for us as we go out to meet our new neighbors.

Please check out the links below to read more news and see where we live!

POINTS FOR PRAYER

- ✦ Pray for our first year in **Language School**, that we would continue to have “sticky” minds to remember and recall what we learn.
- ✦ Pray that our **missionary visas** would come through as soon as possible, as our initial visas near their expiration date.
- ✦ Pray for our **Thai language helpers** and their families. Some are Christians, some are not.
- ✦ Pray for Thailand’s 64 million people who are **92% Buddhist** and **less than 0.5% Evangelical Christian**.
- ✦ Pray for **our families** left behind in the US. Pray that they would be surrounded by loving friends in the coming years as we serve overseas.
- ✦ Pray for our **daily adjustment** as we adapt to the Thai food, Thai culture, and build relationships with the Thai people.

Ways to Get Involved

1. **PRAY!** - Remember to lift us up during our first term in Thailand!

2. **SEND!** - Please make checks payable to:
Churches of God, General Conference - PO Box 926 Findlay, OH 45839
Designate gifts for CC 2762 - Michael and Sara Sarver Support
or visit <http://www.cggc.org/CCMSarver.htm> to give online!

3. **KEEP IN TOUCH!** -

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Our first real home in Thailand!