

" ORPHAN FOCUS "
SCHMIDT FAMILY
NEWSLETTER

" B A A N J A I D E E "

C H I L D R E N ' S H O M E
T H A I L A N D .



"The effective
fervent prayer of a
righteous man
avail eth much"

Please pray:

* For all our paper-
work to come through
which will allow us to
open our doors to
more children. :-)

* For wisdom in
knowing which
children to help.
Sadly there are just
so many.

* Jordy has just
started "kinder" and
is enjoying his new
friends! We are
thankful.

* For our precious
boys. We all miss
each other.

* For committed
prayer and financial
partners that will
enable us to continue
this vital Ministry.



OUR FIRST CHILD...

She is a delight—our little
Jumpii! We'd love to share a
story of what happened the
other night...

Sam had gone in to Jumpii's
room to say goodnight. She
sat on her bed and Jumpii
said in her stilted English
"Mummy (it actually sounds
more like "mor mee-ee!"),
every time I hungry (she
was meaning before she
came to live with us, when
she lived in the village), now
I no hungry. I very happy.
Thankyou to mummy and
daddy for i stay here but i
thank God for I stay here.
I very thank God." How
precious is this child. Ten-
der hearted and so eager to
please.

Jumpii hugged me the other
night because I "let" her do
the dishes! If I ask her to
help with something that
needs doing she eagerly says
"YES!" and then thanks me
for letting her help.

Last night she asked me if
she can do the cooking. I
wasn't sure if she meant
just for the night or from
now on!

Of course not everything is
perfect and so we continue
to learn about her and from
each other.

Jumpii's native tongue is
Hmong—a tribal group of
people, originally from Laos.
Her second language is Thai
and she is learning English.
The language and cultural
barrier is at times hilarious
and at other times is very
frustrating.

During a storm here re-
cently we had an influx of
hundreds of flying insects.
I screamed as I shut the
window as they were going

win my hair and then I
started stomping on them
and said "yuk". Jumpii
yelled with a horrified look
on her face "No. Not yuk.
Is 'Gung bough'. Yum." She
told us that in her village
they eat them. Apparently
they are a delicacy here
and retail for a lot of
money!

We accepted her offer to
help sweep them up but
passed on her offer to fry
some up for us!

Now THAT was a culture
shock!



Allan, Jumpii and Jordy read Jordy's
little kids' Bible at the breakfast table.
They so enjoy this time together.



Each April a festival called “Songkran” is celebrated here in Chiang Mai. Thousands of people gather in Chiang Mai during what is the hottest time of the year.

One of the most obvious and FUN aspects to Songkran is that you get to shower water on everyone! People stand by the side of the road “armed” with water pistols, large drums of water, or a garden hose!

The main activity of the festival is to pay respect to friends and especially their older relatives. Everyone goes ‘home’ for Songkran—which includes many hours of travel for some to get back to the mountains.

Jordy is pictured above sitting in the back of our car. He loved squirting people...until HE got squirted! “Farang” or “foreigners” are particularly targeted by the Thai! It was a lovely way to have fun with Jumpii—only a few days

after her arrival.

Life here is full of unexpected-ness. Planning a day must be done ‘loosely’ because it rarely happens how you thought it would!

We were shocked when we came back to Thailand after a few months away - the price of everything has gone up 25% on most things! That’s a huge hike in anyone’s language!

Our laptop crashed necessitating the purchase of a new one so that was another challenge to over come (and an unforeseen expense!).

Thankfully the smart computer boys here were able to get most of our data back for us. Amazing how much we rely on our computer for our communications!

We are thankful for your continued support, encouragement and prayers. With love,
Allan, Sam, Jordy and Jumpii.

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