

Schmidt family:
heading to Thailand

*Defend the poor and
fatherless.
Do justice to the afflicted
and needy.”
Psalm 83:3*

We remember recently writing that we have just moved house...well we are again surrounded by boxes! This time we are packing to move to another country—what a challenge!!

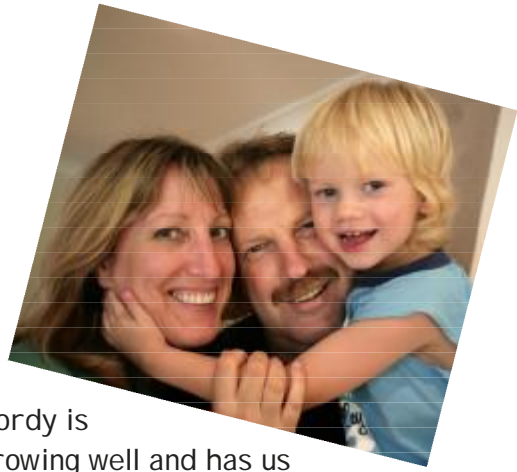
In between packing, we were able to visit some dear friends- The Coppens in Brisbane and to share with the folk of Stafford Heights Baptist Church. Lyle and Denise were our gracious hosts while we were there. They are no strangers to Thailand and we are looking forward to traveling with them to a Refugee camp on the Thai/Burma border when they visit us in Chiang Mai in a few months.

Our children are doing well.

Benj and Lisa are celebrating their 1st wedding anniversary in February! Benj has changed jobs and is busy doing some Carpentry Maintenance work and is enjoying driving a truck for a Geelong Company.

Jai has transferred to a closer University and will no doubt appreciate the lower petrol bill each week!

Jess has 2 part time jobs and commences a Bachelor of Nursing degree in a few weeks. He has decided to delay pursuing his Football interests until 2008.



Jordy is growing well and has us smiling at his antics.

On Sunday he asked “What Untool Keef say” (“What’s Uncle Keith saying?”) “Uncle” Keith was preaching. I told Jordy that he was telling us about the Bible and what Jesus says and Jordy replied “And Moses”. Keith was indeed talking about Moses!

We are very thankful for and proud of all our lovely boys!

Both of us feel that it would be extremely valuable to our future Ministry to undertake an International Training Course to be held in Bangkok in October .

Topics covered include: child labour, child behaviours, HIV/Aids, orphans, The girl child, child soldiers, models of care and Nutrition.



Field experiences include site visits to Babies homes and the course culminates with a 3 day camp for children with disabilities.

The course runs for 6 weeks and costs US\$1400 per participant, plus accommodation, airfares from Chiang Mai to Bangkok and site visit costs.

As we are sure you can appreciate, we have not made this decision lightly but only after much prayerful consideration.

Sam began praying about this opportunity as she had heard about it several years ago. She asked the Lord to bring the details to us as she didn't know the name of the organization.

A friend gave us a brochure that he saw at a Conference that he believed would interest us. It was exactly the organization that provides the course. We are sure it will prove to be so valuable in our future Ministry.

It is simply miraculous how God has brought this opportunity along at exactly the right time and that they even hold it in the right Country! J

"As it happens" the Facilitator has previously been in our home years ago in her capacity as a Social Worker when we were fostering children!

Our needs with regard to the Course are:

- Ø Someone to care for Jordy in Bangkok for all or part of the 6 week period.
- Ø Suitable accommodation close by for the duration of the course.
- Ø Airfare and site visit costs.
- Ø US\$2800 (Aust\$3600) for course fees.

We do not worry about "how hard" it will be to pay for all the costs associated with the course. Our God is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all we ask or think. He has proven His Faithfulness in providing for us over and over and over...

With love, Allan, Sam & Jordy.

www.childrenwithhope.org.au

Donations in Australia:

South Valley Baptist Church, 238 South Valley Rd Highton, 3216.

Email: Pastor Kirby kirbylancaster@ao.com

Or Comm Bank BSB: 062-648 A/c: 10090035 A/S Schmidt

Donations in USA:

The Second Tunic, 314 Clay Road, Lititz, PA., 17543 USA.

Note: "Project Baan Jai Dee." We receive 100 % of all gifts.

Praise:

For the committed people who are partnering with us.

Jesse got into Uni in Port Macquarie

Jai transferred to a closer Uni- no more commuting!

A WONDERFUL time in the U.S..

Another friend who has committed to regular financial support.

Prayer requests:

- ü For God to raise up people to assist us in Thailand,
- ü For someone to volunteer to mail out our newsletters.
- ü Increase in our monthly support.



Bible study in Chicago USA.