

"ORPHAN FOCUS"
SCHMIDT FAMILY NEWSLETTER.

MARK 10:16 "AND HE TOOK THE CHILDREN IN HIS ARMS, PUT HIS HANDS ON THEM AND BLESSED THEM."

THAT'S THAILAND...

"The effective fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much"

Pray for Allan's health. The Dr. thinks that Allan has Typhoid.

Allan has had 2 suspected fractures, gastroenteritis and now has been ill for 2 weeks.

Sam has had a throat infection, sinus infection and gastroenteritis.

Jordy has had tonsillitis.
We are thankful that we have not been sick at the same time.

We have been here over 2 months now and some things that seemed very 'different' are already becoming normal. We are surprised how quickly this has happened. On the other hand many things are "challenging" and have stretched us.

Some things that we have found a bit different is parking in a car park. You can come back to your car and find yourself blocked in but that's OK. You just push the other car out of your way!!



In Thailand, a foreigner is

JORDY...

Jordy is adapting well. He does struggle with being pinched and poked though. A wise friend suggested that if Jordy learned to "wai" (see photo) then the Thai's will not pinch him again but technically they should "wai" him back to encourage him to learn this mark of respect (and greeting). Sometimes it works and usually they are surprised and

known as "Farang". A sign on the back of this Tuk Tuk (motorbike) says "I love Farang. No Farang, no job, I die. I love you."



A brave linesman (above) fixing power lines.

We were told before we came that we will spend a lot of time doing things we didn't expect to be doing—like paperwork and run-

ning around paying bills!

For instance, every home has a special box near the letter box. That is where the electricity bill is put. With nearly every bill, you have to take it in to the company to pay.

Thankfully we have found one place where we can pay a few bills at once. We spend much time discovering things like this; like the motor bike that whizzes past with a family of four on it, or a little child who is standing on the motor bike in front of a parent or the fact that most people don't wear helmets.

We are blessed both to be here and by having some wonderful couples that have come alongside us, helping us to navigate the differences.

VERY pleased to see a "farang" waiing. Jordy walked past some gardeners the other day and 'got in first' and "waiied" and said "Sawatdee kup" (hello). They were delighted and returned his "wai". He grinned and said "See mum, they didn't pinch me!" He was very pleased with himself!



LANGUAGE FUN...

Our Thai language teacher (Kruu Dii), is PERFECT for us. Really – of all the teachers we have met, God sure hand picked her for us! She is ever patient and perfect to teach the first phase of language learning – the phonetic warm-up. She told me yesterday that she

is leaving at the end of July. She said "A year ago I applied for a scholarship in Bangkok".

"I received a letter saying that all scholarships have been distributed. This week, I received a letter to say that there is now an opening and do I still want a scholarship? I said 'yes' and

so I will go there in August. For some reason God didn't want me to go until now."

Yes, Kruu Dii. God wanted you to stay. Maybe because there were these two Aussies...

By the way, "Kruu Dii" means "good teacher!!"

God is good to us eh?

Our neighbor asked us to feed his fish while he was away. Jordy picked up a little net and walked over to the pond. I asked him to put it back. "What's it for?" "I guess it for when fish die, they can use the little net to get them out". Jordy walked back, picked up the net and said "I think they are getting dead!"

COLIN...

We are very grateful to Colin Buchanan in Australia for sending us ALL his CD's and DVD's for the children to enjoy. Colin is a gifted children's entertainer and T.V. personality and has a heart first for God and also for teaching children about God.

A talented songwriter, he has a wonderful knack of incorporating Scripture verses into his songs. Professionally produced in Australia, Colin and a

variety of friends act out the songs and one of the DVD's is shot on the Heritage listed Fraser Island, pictured below.



Thanks to Colin, we think that the children will learn a little of our culture as well :-)

Check out his website: colinbuchanan.com.au

One of our dearest desires is to impart the Truth to the children. We want them to know that they are of infinite worth in God's eyes, that God cares about the orphan, the poor and the vulnerable. We want them to know that while we are the ones God is using to nurture and protect them, that GOD is the One who provides for them and

that he uses the kindness of His people to do it.

Whether they are Buddhist or Christian, the project name "Baan Jai Dee" certainly resonates with the Thai people. They nod in approval and ask many questions. Please prayerfully consider how you might help the "home of the kind hearted!"

Love Ai & Sam

Colin



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Guess who turned 3??



The Thais put powder on the faces of children to show they look clean. Sometimes we collect Hannah from pre-school. She always looks "clean" when we see her!