

"Orphan Focus"

Schmidt family newsletter.

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Prayer changes things!

- Jesse has a flat!
- Our support is increasing
- Child sponsorship enquiries increase
- We have somewhere to live in Thailand

Goodbye Port Macquarie...

In March we said goodbye to our church family in Port Macquarie. We have been blessed by the many kind people that we have had the privilege of fellowshiping with over the last few years.

We will miss their smiles, their words of encouragement and Pastor Keith's preaching! We remember back to the time of transition when we moved from Geelong to our first Ministry with NTM. It was an exciting and yet at

times lonely journey.

How grateful we are for all the emails, cards and letters we have received over the last 5 years. Thank you Port Macquarie friends!



We have been able to share some of our journey with the friendly people of International Baptist and more recently at Suburban Baptist where after the meeting we were able to talk a little bit about Thai culture. They are excited to be putting together a team to go to Thailand in September where they will visit a Ministry to over 400 Akha children. We are hopeful that they will visit us and that we may even journey with them into their mountain destination.

A verse to encourage.

I remember praying "Lord we have so much to do before we go to Thailand. We still need committed financial supporters and most of all, Jesse has no where to live." The Lord really spoke to my heart with

the verse in Jeremiah- "For I know the plans I have for you", declares the Lord., "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future." (Jer 29:11)

We were to keep on trusting that GOD not only has plans for us but would prosper us and that if He was going to "give us a future" that it would not be without including our children in that!

Servants hearts.



Ric and Colleen Knox.

Isn't it nice to be spoiled? We sure have been by the Knoxs! We fielded questions

like "What are you making for dinner? (Which got a blank stare from Sam!). "We'll cook and bring it around. You don't need to be cooking! You're too busy." We sure are and are very grateful for their culinary skills. Colleen learnt how to

make (the BEST) fried rice from a Filipino lady. They are such servants and we can learn much from them. They have offered their home to us if we need to move out while we clean. They will also feed us until we leave Port Macquarie. They have certainly taken us under their loving care and we will be ever grateful.



We will miss our friends, Keith and Ruth. They taught Jordy how to say "cow" in a Northern Irish accent. He is so funny! Here is Keith "preaching?" to our friend Ross! It's OK—Ross's saved!



Family time.



(Above) Our last Sunday in Port Macquarie was a special time. We enjoyed having a 'last' meal with friends too.

(Below) We were delighted to catch up with Jai and his friend Amelia while we were in Geelong.



Seeing family and friends is now even more special. Treasured memories...

Transport!

Soon after arriving in Thailand we will need to purchase a vehicle.

We intend on selling our car here in Australia and put that money towards the purchase of a vehicle that would allow us to transport several people at a time.



Many people have indicated their desire to visit us too so it'd be great to be able to

show teams around! Cars are realivly expensive in Thailand. If you would like to donate towards the cost of our "people mover" please send your chq./ check to The Second Tunic or to Pastor Kirby. See Page four for details. Thankyou!

Jordy loves spending time with his dad. Can you tell?

Jesse and answers.

The problem of Jesse not having anywhere to live seemed to cloud each day. In 'man's terms' it was looking rather bleak! The Real Estate agent told us that it would be difficult for a Uni student with no rental history to get a unit.

On Tuesday, 9 days before we had to leave

Port, I was talking to our friend -Ruth. I said that I know God will find somewhere for Jesse to live. We knew it wouldn't make sense for us to go to look after orphans in Thailand if Jesse has no where to live but that as concerned parents, we needed to see him settled soon!

She was praying as we talked and God put a name into her head. Her daughter confirmed that the girl, Kate, was looking for a flat mate. After a phone call, we viewed the unit and it was perfect for Jesse! He moves in the day before we need to vacate our house!!



Child Sponsorship



There are several people who are showing a very keen interest in the "Baan Jai Dee Child Sponsorship program" which is hugely encouraging for us!

How exciting that another couple have committed to sponsoring a child.

We have spoken to people who live and work with children in Thailand and specifically about child sponsorship.

The general consensus is that it costs approximately A\$180 per month to house, educate, feed and provide Medical and

general care for a child in Chiang Mai.

We envisage each child having 4 sponsors with any shortfall being met by general donations.

If you would like to sponsor a child, please email or write to us.

If you would like to sponsor a child in the coming months, please email or write to us.

Our schedule..



Jordy packing! As we mentioned in our last newsletter,

we will be in Gee-long for 5 weeks, 16th March until 23rd April.

We are speaking most Sundays and at two Mission Conferences. If you would like to catch up with

us, please contact us soon so we can firm up a time to meet for a meal, for a coffee or just a chat.

May the Lord bless you in YOUR journey with Him.

Love Allan, Sam, Jesse & Jordy. XXXX



APRIL 23rd we fly to Thailand.

Baan Jai Dee

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How you can be a blessing...

In Australia:

Please post cheque to:
Project: "Baan Jai Dee",
South Valley Baptist
Church, 238 South
Valley Road, Highton,
3216.

Or: Direct Credit:
Comm Bank,
BSB: 062 648
A/c: 10090035
A & S Schmidt.

In USA:

The Second Tunic
314 Clay Road,
Lititz, PA 17543
Note: Baan Jai Dee.
We receive 100% of
all donations.

All Volunteer enquiries to:

Allan and Sam Schmidt,
PO Box 347, Belmont,
3216, Australia.

Email:
info@baanjaidee.org

Project: "Baan Jai Dee".

Donation details:

Name.....
Address.....
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Email.....
Phone:..... Mobile:.....
Church Affiliation.....

Orphanage expenses:

\$ _____ Month or \$ _____ enclosed

Schmidt family support:

\$ _____ Month or \$ _____ enclosed

Child Sponsorship: (payable monthly, quarterly or yearly)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ for: 1 month/3 months/1 year (circle one)

New Sponsorship:

(Please tick): Girl _____ Boy _____

_____ Either _____

\$40 month (tick) or \$ _____ per _____

Building Fund: (designate gift "building fund" on back of cheque)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ month/quarter/year/one off

Vehicle Fund: (designate gift "Vehicle" on back of cheque)

Amount enclosed: \$ _____ month/quarter/year/one off

TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Comments: _____
