



“I will make you a light . . . that you may bring my salvation to the ends of the earth.” Isa 49:6

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THE IMPATIENCE OF GOD

This concept never seemed likely as the God to whom I was introduced as a child was someone who sat up in heaven and had a master plan and everything happened on schedule in a pre-ordained manner. I'm not saying that this still isn't the way things work but it seems that we have definitely experienced God's impatience in our preparation to go to Mekong in Thailand. We originally expected that the process of getting to South East Asia (SEA) would take 18 to 24 months. We will be there in ten months from our initial application! We certainly are not being allowed the luxury of a unhurried approach. God is on a mission to get us there and He has brushed aside obstacles as if they are not there

Yes, we have been accepted to go to the OMF Orientation course in Singapore starting 07 Feb 2011! Since our last news letter we have completed all of the

preparations listed there and then some. About the only thing we have not done is the final assignment for our Perspectives course but hope to finish that while in Prince George and Victoria at the beginning of January. We love the ability to submit items like this from a long-distance through email.

The past two weeks have been a whirlwind of packing, preparation, putting our affairs in order and saying good-bye to good friends and church family in Ottawa. Our prayers (and yours) were answered with regards to “Abby” as Rod's Mom decided that she wanted to adopt her. She is now ensconced in her new home in St Catharines Ontario and will no doubt be very well looked after. We arrived here for a final week with family (Rod's mom and brother) before we head out west to see our family (children, spouses and one very special granddaughter) and friends there.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

God expects us to be specific and targeted in our prayers so here is a prayer request for midnight 5 February Thailand time (GMT+7). This is when we will be arriving in the Bangkok airport and approaching the customs and immigration wickets for an approximate thirty hour stay in Thailand before we journey on to Singapore.

Here is the situation. We will be travelling with another couple Bill and Jennifer Crowder and we both were only able to obtain 90 day single-entry visas for Thailand. We will only stay in Bangkok (this time) for about 30 hours as a lay over before we all proceed to Singapore for the Orientation Course (OC). We want prayer so that we will choose the right wicket and the right person who will allow us into Thailand for the layover period without activating our 90 day visas. If they are activated we will have used up our “single-entry” and then have to go through the whole process of re-applying for visas when we re-enter Thailand again on 4 March after the conclusion of OC.

Depending on your time zone, please pray for all four of us at this time.

Praise and Prayer

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Praise for God's supply:

- We now have 52 prayer supporters! Thank you for your prayers!
- God's answer for a new home for “Abby”

Prayer Needs:

- For our cross-country journey with the U-Haul from 27 Dec—12 Jan
- For long-term (multiple-entry) Visas for all 4 of us

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