



“It is good...for a man to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his...labour...” Ecclesiastes 5:18

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And the Weeks go by...

Sometimes working for God is no different (in one sense) than working at doing any other job. There are routines that need to be followed, tasks that need to be accomplished, people to talk to and places we need to go. Not all that glamorous and in many ways just living life as it comes.

For us in Thailand the rhythm of the weeks has changed slightly from what it was in Canada, but only slightly. Our week actually “starts” on Tuesday. This is the first day of five days of classes which go until Saturday noon. We each have two classes a day lasting for about an hour each. The classes are conducted one-on-one with a native Thai speaking helper. Preparation time for each class is about 3 to 4 hours so we are spending around 8 to 10 hours a day working on learning our new language!

We usually take Saturday afternoon to catch our breath before Sunday which, as anyone knows, is seldom “a day of rest”. We go to church in another town that is about 26 km from our town but to get there we have leave our house at 8:45am to walk to the bus station catch a Thai bus (“rotmee”) and depending on the bus driver that morning, travel from 45–75 minutes to the town of Singburi. The church service is all in Thai so in one sense it is like attending class all over again trying to

decipher what the pastor and worship leader are saying! After church everyone sits down to a meal together and finally we retrace our steps to Lopburi getting home at about 2:30pm. That is when the “down time” can start unless we are having friends over for dinner and a game or two.

Monday is our “market day” when we cycle over to the outdoor market and stock up on fresh veggies and other local goodies for the coming week.

All pretty mundane stuff except that in the midst of simple things we see the hand of God both in our lives and in the lives of others, like;

- The kids club in our muubann (village) started by a young couple also in the language school
- Delivering “Easter eggs” and an Easter card to our neighbors on Easter Sunday
- Hearing of “spiritual conversations” taking place with other friends from the LLC.

There is more but We’re running out of space. God is good and we are not bored. We love seeing Him at work around us every day!

Praise and Prayer

Praise for:

- Continued progress in learning Thai!
- A good level of acceptance in our neighborhood
- Continued good health
- The ability to connect regularly with our family
- A good solid community of other Christians who love and care for each other.

Prayer Needs:

- Rod has impaired hearing in his right ear. It may be permanent but if not, please pray for healing.
- The ability to cope with the heat. As we write, the ambient daytime temperatures are 35°+ and that is in the shade!
- Our neighbors. We want to see positive relationships form and be able to share the gospel!

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