

# Rosstracks

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Thank you all for your partnership with us in supporting Bible Translation in S.E. Asia. Whenever I work with the national translators and literacy workers, they are always very thankful for us being here and for our sending partners who enable us to be here.

Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! We are planning to attend the U.S. Consulate's July 4<sup>th</sup> party where we hope to get some Dr. Pepper and Mountain Dew.

## Political Unrest

**John** - One of my secondary responsibilities is Field Security Officer for our group. This normally doesn't require much time but with the recent political unrest here in Thailand, I had to devote some significant time to gathering and dispensing information, contingency planning, and some meetings. Most of the action was in Bangkok, which is about 500 miles south of us, but Chiang Mai is the second largest city and we eventually did have some mildly violent protests in the streets. We are very thankful that everything calmed down before it started affecting our safety. We did have school and business closures for a couple days and then an 8 pm curfew for several days so most of the stores, restaurants, gas stations, etc. were closing around 6 pm, however everything is back to normal now. Nothing was really resolved politically, so continued prayer for the political situation here would be appreciated.

## Work/School

**John** – Our group recently hired a Thai national to help with some of the computer support issues, so currently I am training him. I am also continuing to support our training center up on the northern border by working with hardware and software issues, removing computer viruses whenever the national translators come into town, and some training. We recently had some training on a new version of translation software which has additional features for sending and receiving translation changes via the internet or USB drive when multiple translators are working on the same project.

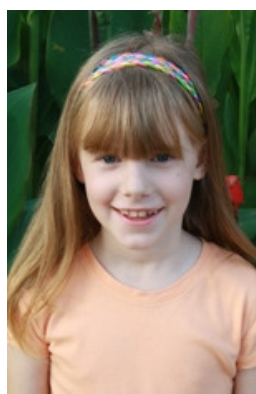


**Kimberly** – In April I finished up serving a two year term as Associate Director of Support Services for our five country region. I enjoyed serving in that capacity, but found the work load too heavy with being a mom of three. I have accepted a new role as Team Associate Director of Children's Education, which is about 75% of what I was already doing (without the responsibilities of finance, office staff, etc.). I have also agreed to do member care for our Thailand team while our Thailand director is on furlough this next year. I am really hoping all this adds up to less work and not more!

**Kids** – The last day of school was on June 1. It was a very full year for each of them and they are now enjoying a much appreciated break! The Agape Home orphanage ministry has also ended for the summer. **Kristen** is preparing for her



senior year (meaning AP homework over the summer) and making college plans. She has decided to pursue her dream of attending university in England. With this in mind, Kristen and Kimberly will be going on a college tour in England for three weeks this summer. They have been able to work out staying with different friends who also live here in Chiang Mai but are home in England for the summer. **Tyler** is preparing to enter high school (no homework for him, but he feels cooler now that he is no longer a lowly middle school student). **Sarah** will enter 4<sup>th</sup> grade and enjoys having more time to play with friends, practice piano, and take a dance class. She recently finished a set of piano lessons and had her first recital.



## Praise/Prayer

- We are thankful that our passports and Thai visas were all renewed with no problems.
- Pray for the Bible Translation work in S.E. Asia and for political stability in this region.
- Pray for a safe and fruitful trip for Kimberly and Kristen
- Pray for an increase in financial support that will allow us to continue to serve here.

Last month we had to renew four of our U.S. passports. This was a first for us to do this while overseas. We were a little concerned when only three showed up, but the fourth one came the next week. Earlier this month we also renewed our Thai visas and work permit for another year. These renewals have significant costs associated with them (close to \$900 for all). Also, next week I am having most of the roof of my vehicle replaced due to rust, and that will cost about \$375. It has to be done before rainy season! If any of you feel led to contribute one-time gifts toward these expenses, it would be much appreciated.

**With thankfulness for you who care about us and pray for us so faithfully,  
*John, Kimberly, Kristen, Tyler, & Sarah Ross***

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