



...And work for the peace and prosperity of Bangkok. Pray to the LORD for that city where you are held captive, for if Bangkok has peace, so will you... – Jeremiah 29:7

We Are On Our Way!!

Whew! These past seven months (since Journey Mercies #1) have simply flown by. As we write to you on this Thanksgiving day, just a week before we leave the US for Thailand, we feel like we have more to give thanks for this year than ever before.

Have you visited our website?
www.ivenandkashmira.info

Visiting with so many of you, sharing vision and raising support has been very encouraging. We are now at 90% of our budget and only need another \$250 in monthly support to be fully funded. The hardest part of our journey so far has been saying our goodbyes in Seattle, Portland and Lakeport. Thank you friends for your continued partnership in our ministry – we couldn't be doing this without you!

Our Discipleship Training School in San Francisco

What have we been up to lately? Since September 18 we have been living in San Francisco, participating in a Discipleship Training School organized by Youth With A Mission. Our group of 15 students and 5 leaders lives together, prays together, worships together, learns together and serves together – offering a helping hand to people in our inner-city neighborhood who are homeless, working as prostitutes, or simply in need of encouragement. Every week a different speaker has come and taught on topics ranging from Bible Study to Urban Missions to Hearing the Voice of God. So far this has been a rich opportunity to deepen the connection between our hearts and God's heart. As one of the earlier speakers reminded us, "True ministry will come out of your intimacy with Jesus." We are finding that we want to spend less time worrying about what we think needs to be done (emails, shopping, laundry, etc.) and more time being present in today - available for God to use us however he wants.



Washing Dishes In Bangkok

As good as our previous DTS teachers have been, this week's speaker is bringing a lesson especially for us. Taking our shoes off as we enter the classroom, we have forsaken our usual tables and chairs for a circle on the floor. When class gets out he continues to sit with us. He eats with us and he cooks with us. He does dishes. From the first thing in the morning, until the last student goes to bed, he is listening to students, helping us clarify our questions or our callings. He is laughing and quietly sharing stories over cups of homemade chai tea – simply loving us by sharing his life.

In a very real sense this man is the embodiment of why we are moving to Bangkok. He has been a sharp reminder that the people we meet in Thailand will remember what we do with our actions much more clearly than what we say with our mouths. Paul says several times in scripture, "Follow me as I follow Jesus." More and more, we want our very lives to say "follow us as we follow Jesus" to our new Thai neighbors and friends, to the young men working as prostitutes in Bangkok.



Hanne, Luke, Emily, Nicole, Kashmira, Summer, Jessica, Iven, Josh, Katie, Jonathan, Audrey, Isabel, Hannah, Steve, Joel & Tyler. Not Pictured: Kristin, Emmanuel & Christine.

Leaving On A Jet Plane: Our First Two Months In Asia

On December 4, 2006 we fly to Bangkok with one-way tickets! For our first two months in Asia we will be traveling with the Discipleship Training School (pictured above), partnering with existing YWAM groups in both Thailand and Vietnam. During these first eight weeks in Asia we will be learning to love Thailand and Vietnam, meeting people, getting to know them, and (God willing) introducing them to Jesus. Then, at the end of January, we will send the DTS team back to San Francisco while we stay on in Thailand and start our formal language training. After that? God only knows.



Please Pray That:

- Our team will rely on God and not our own strength.
- Jesus will use us to reveal Himself to Thai people.
- God will grow our love for Bangkok and truly be making it home.
- Our marriage will be protected and deepened as we transition to life in Thailand.

Because we will be moving around with the team until late January we will be somewhat difficult to correspond with – but you can expect to hear from us consistently starting in early February.

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Thank You!

This Thanksgiving we are grateful that through God's grace, and the generosity of our supporters (that's you!), we have the amazing privilege of moving to Bangkok (next week!!!), so that we might share the love of God just like Jesus did – by living in the neighborhood and helping wash dishes. Thank You!

All grace and peace,

Iven & Kashmira