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Dear Brethren,

I hope and pray that everything is going well with you. The season is starting to change here in Thailand. We are nearly to the rainy season. The rain gives us a little relief from the intense heat. It has been very hot here. It is hot during the day and hot at night. We have had a few heavy rains already. Soon the monsoons will be here. Usually when people think of the word monsoon they think of heavy rains. However, the word monsoon actually means strong wind. The winds pick up the water from the ocean and then dump large amounts of rain on Southeast Asia. During the rainy season because of the heavy rains, many of the roads will flood.

The month of June was busy with all of our normal work. Although nothing out of the ordinary took place, it was a very busy month. Although my Thai is getting stronger and my vocabulary continues to increase, it still takes large amounts of time to prepare lessons. We continue to make contacts. Most of our contacts at this point come from our students from our English classes. I am studying with one young lady who is 18. She told me that she believes in God, but that she does not know a lot about God or the Bible. She is afraid of what her family, who are all Buddhist, will think if she obeys the gospel. I told her to take things one step at a time. To learn about God and what He wants her to do. I told her that if she decided to become a Christian, I would go and talk to her family with her. She did not have a Bible, so I gave her one. We have another student who studies English by reading a chapter in the Bible. We then study that chapter with her asking her questions and answering the questions that she has. Please pray for all the people that we are studying with. Pray that they will have open hearts and will accept the wonderful gift of salvation that God so freely offers.

I will take this opportunity to tell you more about life here in Thailand. In our village there are many fruit trees. There are mango trees, papaya trees, and banana trees in abundance in our village. There is also some kind of a purple flower that the people boil to make a drink. It is not unusual to see cows, water buffalo, and elephants walking down the street in front of our house. Idolatry is also very prevalent in our village and in all of Thailand. There is a Buddhist temple at the end of our street in one direction and in the other direction there is a huge shrine. The Buddhist monks walk down our street every morning and people will wait for them and offer them food. After receiving the food the monks will bless the people. Nearly every house has a ghost house. That is a little shrine that they offer food offerings on at their homes and businesses. They do this to appease the spirits of people who have died on that property in the past. The most common mode of transportation is the motorcycle. It is not unusual to see a family of four on a 125cc motorcycle. I have seen as many as five people on a one small motorcycle. I have pulled up to a traffic light and counted 75 motorcycles in front of me. The main food staples are rice, fish, chicken, and pork. The people are poor, but happy. They for the most part they are a people with warm smiles and kind hearts.

We want to thank everyone who continues to share in this work with love, prayers, and support. We know the economy is bad all over the world and that many of you are giving very sacrificially. For this we are truly grateful and continue to keep you in our prayers. We are still short of the funds that we need. This causes all five people in my family to work long hard hours

teaching English to be able to make ends meet. If you know of any individuals or congregations who are interested in mission work and might want to share in this wonderful work, please give them our contact information and give us their contact information. I will contact them and give them information about our work and answer any questions they may have. May God continue to bless each one of us as we continue to work together for Him here in Thailand. Without you, your love, your prayers, and your support, this work would not be possible.

God bless you as you work for Him,

Michael