

Bird Seed July 2010

Ephesians 3:14-17a For this reason, I kneel before the Father, from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith.

FAMILY

This was a very exciting month for J.J. (15) and Pom Pam (16).

I had a special class with them this



term to ready them for a test and interview with AFS, to become foreign exchange students. There were many difficult questions for them to study and many new vocabulary words for them to try to remember within the month. After working on the questions the first 4 weeks, they took the written exam on a Sunday and had to wait 5 days for the results. On the Friday before the test, Pom Pam asked if I would pray to God with them about their upcoming exam. J.J. agreed that he would like that too. Before I prayed with them, I wanted them to understand that God answers all prayers, but He sometimes has a different plan than ours. He knows what is best for our lives and if they were to pass now, then it is God's answer that it is the right thing

for their lives, but if they don't pass, then God has a different plan or a different time for them to go abroad; a plan and a time that would be better for them. They said they understood, and they wanted me to pray with them so God would help them. In our classroom, we held hands as I thanked God for His great love and for knowing what is best for our lives. I asked him to help J.J. and Pom Pam to remember the things they learned in class as they took their test. I asked Him to help them to accept the results of their test as His best plan for their lives. Pom Pam smiled and said "Now I feel strong and confident to take my exam." On Friday after the results of the test, they came in with big smiles on their faces and excitedly told me that they had both passed!!! We celebrated during our class time by going out for pizza. They don't know what country will be selected for them but Pom Pam says she knows God will choose the best place for her. I'm so proud of them and so thankful to get to watch God move in their lives.

Birthday and going away party

J.J.'s birthday was in June. Joe, Ar



and I were invited to JJ's birthday (family) dinner. We are always treated as very special members of their family. The party and the cake were Happy Birthday JJ and Have a good trip back to the USA, Teacher Robin.



In keeping with “the family” stories, last week, they took Joe, Ar and I to a restaurant called “Buddy Restaurant”. This was their “good bye for now” dinner for me. It was a lovely restaurant with a beautiful view of the city by the river. They ordered a wide selection of foods. One of the dishes they ordered for the table was ostrich. It was very good and very tender. It was covered in a pepper sauce, but not too spicy.



There was a singer at the restaurant

who took requests (in Thai and English). Pom Pam went to her with a request. A couple of songs later, the singer announced the next song was for Teacher Robin. The singer began the song:

“I will be right here waiting for you

Oceans apart, day after day
And I slowly go insane
I hear your voice, on the line
But it doesn't stop the pain
If I see you next to never
how can we say forever

(chorus)

Wherever you go, whatever you do
I will be right here, waiting for you
Whatever it takes, or how my heart breaks
I will be right here waiting for you

Needless to say, it took a great deal of work to keep my composure; not only because of the love and thought of being away from this dear family, but because my children knew enough English to be able to select a song so appropriate for our feelings for the next five months.

I give thanks to my Heavenly Father for family; Family through blood, through church/friendships, through mission and for our family in Heaven, our true Home. God bless each of you in my family.

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To all of my family out there, I pray God’s great blessings.

In His Love and service,

Robin (Birdie)

Ps: My root canal is finished. Dr. Ning was a very good and very gentle dentist and says she plans to study with me when I come back.