

Bird Seed.....May 2010

Mark 10:27 Jesus said; "There are some things that man cannot do, but with God, all things are possible." Mark 11-23 if you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will. 1Thessalonians 5:18 whatever happens; keep thanking God because of Jesus Christ. This is what God wants you to do.

Sohng Krahn water festival: I wish everyone at home could experience Sohng Krahn here at least once, just as I wish everyone here could experience Christmas in the states. This year I went to the north of Thailand with Joe and Ar to visit with Ar's family. It was wonderful to get to see them again and to be so warmly welcomed into their family. When Joe and Ar visited their friends, I stayed at the house, worked on my power point presentation and occasionally wandered through the village visiting, the best I could, with many of the local people. One of my walks led me up a hill. As I was walking up the hill, I heard bells, many bells. The sound was coming towards me and at once, a herd of water buffalo was coming over the hill, down the dirt street, directly at me. Well, I checked the fence line for snakes, and then leaned up against the fence. Three of the water buffalo must have never seen a foreigner because they came right up to me and checked me out. I smiled, greeted them "nice water buffalo"; and then I heard a young man on a motor bike yell a command and they were on their way again, I assume, to the creek for a drink and a bath.

Our Sohng Krahn fun came on Thursday. I got in the back of a truck with about 12 young people, bowls, a barrel of water, and off we went through the streets of the village. I got drenched because when they saw a foreigner most of the water thrown came my way. Sometimes the water was ice water...brrrrr!! I laughed so much though because we had such a great time. The kids loved that I rode in the back of the truck with them to "play Sohng Krahn".

Pui and Pueng: Most of you know one of my "Thai daughters" named Pui, but this story is about a married couple named Pui (male) and Pueng (female). This young couple has studied with me several terms and I've gone out with them several times. About two years ago, they had a baby girl and had nicknamed her

Omega. When I went to their home to visit with them, I told them about our God of creation and eternity being called the Alpha and the Omega. They listened very intently about the great importance of the names of God and they (especially Pui) asked many questions at that time. Last year, Pueng found that she was going to have another baby. Pui and Pueng needed to drop out of classes for awhile, as Pueng was sick more often with this baby. I learned later that she had given birth to a little boy. I emailed congratulations to them and got an email back with pictures. The next Sunday, they surprised me and came to visit with me after church. They invited me to their home to visit and play with the little ones. When they introduced me to the little guy, they had nick named him Alpha. (I'm sure you saw that coming). As we were at their home, Pui and I had some alone visit time as Pueng was working with the little ones. Pui said he had missed our visits and that he had many questions to ask me. I told him I loved getting to talk and share with him. He asked the questions as quickly as I could get them answered. He had been thinking about our past conversations and had also been reading more about Christianity. Pueng then came back in the room while we were still talking. She listened and then asked me what I thought about the situation in Thailand. I told her that I pray for Thailand every day. They were surprised that I prayed for Thailand. Later we went to dinner and they waited for me to pray before we ate. I asked if they wanted me to pray out loud, but they said no that it was OK. So, I silently prayed and then we ate. About 5 minutes later, Pui said, "Robin, it OK I ask you question?" I said, "Of course, anything, anytime". He said, "What do you pray to God for your food?" So, I shared my prayer with them. Pui said, "You don't ask for anything, you say thank you?" I explained that God gives us everything we have, so we are happy to give our thanks to Him for everything that He gives to us. He smiled and went back to his meal. Here in Buddhism, their prayers are for asking, so this was a new concept, to hear about giving thanks. Please keep Pui, Pueng and their family in your prayers as they continue to learn about prayer and about God's great love.

Pom Pam, J.J. and Pan: The last day of class, Pan, Pom Pam and J.J. took me out for dinner during class time. They were the only students to come that day, so they took me out to eat. We got our food and Pom Pam (15 years old) made sure

to tell her Aunt Pan and cousin J.J. not to eat until teacher prays. I asked her if she wanted me to pray so she could hear me (she always answers yes, this time J.J. said yes too), so I said the prayer aloud. When I was finished, Pom Pam and J.J. proudly said amen with me. Pom Pam said, "I love to hear you talk to God and thank Him for everything." This family has been with me for the 5 years I have been here. What a blessing to be able to share "talking to God" with them. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to learn how to pray to God.

In keeping with talking about prayer and giving thanks, my prayers flow to our mighty God, who moves mountains. Witnessing and sharing the witnessing of God's moving the mountains of fundraising is something I do with a heart that is overflowing with thanks and praise!! There are many people whom our Lord has placed in my life, who are ever faithful to do His work and will, through prayer and finance, to help me to be able to come back to Thailand to continue this ministry which He has given me to do. I have now been blessed to have received enough to be able to make the "commitment" to come back to Thailand! I still need enough to be able to "come back" into Thailand, but we know that as long as it is His will, it will happen! I will be leaving Thailand on the 25th of July. It will be difficult to leave my family/students here, but like I said, He is mightily moving the mountains for me to come back and I believe I will get to come back. So, my most heartfelt thanks, first to our Lord and also to His faithful people!

In His love and service: Robin (Birdie)

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