

Siamese Circuit

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Samuel turns 5 and more...

Samuel turned 5 on July 4th. He had a birthday party at school on the 2nd, a party at home on the 3rd, and a party at church on the 4th. He was a very excited boy. He is ready for his 6th birthday to come so he can have more parties and presents. Benjamin is now looking forward to his birthday. "Is my birthday coming soon, Daddy?" he asks regularly. He wants a lot of presents to open.



Dan & Pada attended a conference that featured Dr. Ajith Fernando from Sri Lanka as a keynote speaker.

On the 24th Dan spoke at another wedding.

The month ended with Dan & Pada's Wedding Anniversary and Pada's birthday.



On July 3rd, the King of Thailand presided at the opening ceremonies for the brand new subway system in Bangkok. Dan rode it a few days after it opened. Pada and the boys rode it about a week after it opened. The government plans to extend the distance the subway travels 5X over the next few years. That

really will help with the traffic congestion. Dan noticed that fewer people were riding the skytrain in the mornings after the subway opened—making the ride to school a little less crowded.

And on the 31st the boys got to help baby sit a little five month old neighbor boy. They really enjoyed it and made "baby Mino" (See picture on back) laugh and laugh.

The week of the 18th was a big celebration of the 200th birthday of missionary Dr. Dan Beach Bradley. Dr. Ubolwan was invited to participate in a seminar at a big government university about the impact of Protestant Missions on Thailand.



Samuel's birthday, Dan & Pada's anniversary dinner, students in Dan's English class, & Pada's birthday



Conference...new subway

Tidbits about Thailand:

- Mother's Day in Thailand is celebrated as a national holiday on the Queen's birthday—August 12th.
- The elections for the Mayor of Bangkok will be held in late August. The campaigns are in full swing.
- Buddhist Lent runs from July 25 to October 21. Devout Buddhist will participate in events to make merit.

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Rainy season is here, but it is actually not raining as much as expected. With rainy season comes the flu and cold season. Many people feel under the weather during the rainy season. When the rain pours down it reminds us of how God wants to pour his spirit out on the Thai people and draw them to Him.

Prayer focus:

1. Praise for the Missions Conference that the Merillats spoke at on the 18th. Pray that Thai people catch the vision of going themselves as missionaries and not just having missionaries come to them.
2. Praise that the wedding on the 24th went well. People enjoyed Dan sharing the recipe for a great marriage being like a recipe for chocolate cake.
3. Pray for Pada's Mom, KIm. She caught the flu and has been struggling to shake it off.



4. Pray for Dr. Nantachai and Dr. Ubolwan's 2nd Son, Life, and he gets married on the 7th of August. Dan will be praying for the couple in the ceremony. Pray for Dr. Nantachai and Dr. Ubolwan. This will be the last of their children getting married and the second wedding in 2 months this year.
5. Pray for the villages in the Northeast—they are experiencing flooding. The teaching team had to cancel the trip on the final weekend of July due to impassable roads.
6. Pray for a Thai friend who is a missionary in Cambodia. She has Typhoid Fever. Pray for her complete healing.
7. Pray that Dan's visa will be renewed. He applied in late July and will find out on Sept 10.
8. Pray for Pada as she continues to informally counsel and teach kids who



don't attend school..

9. Pray for the Merillat's continued health and safety. The boys each had a short bout with the flu in July.
10. Pray for Elders and Deacons of Muang Thai Church—that they will continue to be given wisdom and grace as they lead.
11. Pray for peace in troubled southern Thailand.
12. Pray for the political leaders of Thailand—that they will make wise decisions.
13. Pray for safety for the athletes and spectators at the Olympics. Thailand, like the rest of the world is hoping for medals.

Thank you again for being part for our team. It is wonderful to have faithful partners like you giving us prayer coverage. We pray that the rest of your summer will be filled with surprise reminders of God's love and care for you.