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Thai Times w/ Amy Cottle



Live to be forgotten so that Christ might be remembered. D.E. Hoste

Dear friends and family,

I hope everyone has had a great summer so far. I am writing to you from Ohio! I wanted to send a quick update on what's been going on...

A new team in Thailand

I have mentioned before that the team in Mahasarakham was growing. It's comforting to know that what I left behind is

continuing. There are now 9 people on the team from Switzerland, the Philippines, Germany, Thailand and the Netherlands. Please keep them in your prayers because as the team expands so does the impact. Many more students and community members can now hear about Jesus!



Current Mahasarakham Team

Front: Claudine, Wit, Samuel, Muey, Brenda

Back: Del, Arnie, Andre (not pictured, Lisa and Pol)

Final farewells

I was first moved to go to East Asia after reading about the life of Hudson Taylor in China. So before I left Thailand, I went to Hong Kong to visit a former missionary to Thailand, Musica. It is so nice to see another country with someone who is from that country! I had a great time learning about Hong Kong and Macau and reconnecting with her. It was a blessing to see a small part of China, somewhere I have always wanted to go.



Hong Kong w/ Musica

Learning about traditional Chinese tea ceremony and sightseeing in Hong Kong and Macau

June 27-30 was the OMF Thailand Conference. Although many missionaries were on their home assignments, I was able to say goodbye to the people who have felt like family to me for the past 10 years. When you are a missionary, many people come and go over the years so it's always bittersweet. There were 5 other missionaries leaving the field also and I was honored to be among them and to be prayed over by those that continue to serve in Thailand.

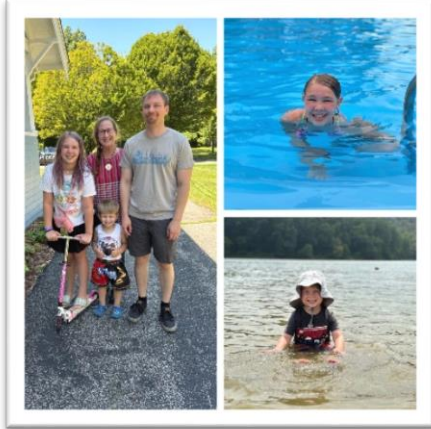


OMF Thailand farewell

My prayer send-off and the OMF Thailand team

Back in the US

I have been back in Ohio for 6 weeks now. I am enjoying time with my family. Along with my parents, my son and his family, we went on a week-long vacation to Saltfork State Park. I have never been with my grandchildren for that long so it was nice to spend time with them and get to know them better.



Family

Me with Drew, Lily (11) and Danny (3)

What God has been teaching me & what's next?

"Those who live at the ends of the earth stand in awe of your wonders. From where the sun rises to where it sets, you inspire shouts of joy (Ps. 65:8, NLT)." This verse speaks to me as I recall the joy that I felt when I flew out of Cleveland on February 8, 2014 and again as I sat at the airport in Bangkok heading back to Ohio on July 1. So much joy, going and coming! I am so glad that I obeyed the call to go, persevered through the hard times and stayed rooted in God's love for me.

So what's next for me? My long-term future is still unclear to me but in the short-term I will be on a home assignment with OMF until the end of the year. After that time, please pray that the Lord provides a full-time job for me. But for right now, I am beginning to prepare my presentation about Thailand and will be scheduling talks starting in September. I also want to reconnect with as many of you as I can so please reach out to me so that we can get together! I have enjoyed seeing some of you at church!

Thank you for your love, prayers and support! I will keep you updated on my speaking dates and future plans as I know them.

Blessings,
Amy Cottle

Prayer requests:

- Pray that the new team in Mahasarakham will work in unity and be a blessing to the students and community
- Praise the Lord for the good goodbyes from the OMF Thailand field and friends
- Pray for more workers to be called to Thailand...the field is ripe for harvest
- Pray that God will provide the right opportunities for me to tell what He has done in Thailand
- Pray that God will direct my steps in the future, providing for all my needs

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