



SCILINGO STATUS

K.I.D.S. are our **VISION**.
Teaching is our **PASSION**.
Thailand is our **LOCATION**.

"HOME" Sweet Home

December 2011



Hellos And Goodbyes

*Proverbs 25:25 - Like cold water to a weary soul
is good news from a distant land.*

We had an amazing time reconnecting with family and friends this past summer. It was hard to believe we were gone for 2 years until we realized how many babies, birthdays, betrothals, BBQs, and burger joints we missed. We were encouraged by our visits to supporting churches and friends, but what we enjoyed most were our unstructured visits.



Onward Opportunities

Ephesians 5:15-17 - Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.

Teaching Triumphs

In his 3rd year at Grace International School, Randy has finally felt like he's gotten into a groove. His passion is contagious in his Biology and Physiology classes. With his curriculum in these subjects well developed, he can now concentrate on reaching his students beyond their minds and into their hearts and souls. He has also made a concerted effort in coming home earlier to allow Michelle time to study Thai and get involved in ministries outside of the home.

Language Learning

Michelle has begun taking private language lessons 2 times a week. She has successfully ordered propane gas to be delivered to the house, a task in which she had failed at least 3 times before (the company actually hung up on her in previous attempts because her Thai was that bad ☹️.)

Grace Girls Group

On Wednesday nights, Michelle meets with a group of 9th grade girls, her former 7th grade students. She desires to walk with them through the successes and struggles of their high school years. She is continually humbled by their display of innocence, intensity, and intimacy.

Milestones For Our TRICKS (Thai Raised Italian Chinese Kid)



Riley At 3½

Lego minifig conversations occur everyday -
 Sometimes we hear a recap of things adults say.
 RJ rides so fast on his bike, mom has to run -
 What a blast to see him having so much fun!
 A true boy who loves fire, swords, and sports galore -
 Yet learning to appreciate art, music, and more.
 Scilingo first Christmas in Thailand, finally -
 RJ got to decorate his own Christmas tree.

Mia At 1

Mia's smile is as bright as can be -
 Though she plays shy, so not all can see.
 Imitating her brother is now part of routine -
 Walking, talking, and eating like a machine.
 She's often the only girl among the boys -
 It could explain her interest in mechanical toys.
 Dogs bark in the neighborhood all the time,
 So Mia responds with a "Whoa-whoa" chime.
 ("whoa-whoa" means dog in Cantonese)

Everyday Life Education

Riley's Rough Weekly Schedule	
Monday	Playdate
Tuesday	Exploration
Wednesday	English Teaching
Thursday	Playgroup
Friday	Library
Saturday	Family
Sunday	Worship



Riley has been very interested in what the name of everything is. Unfortunately, we have to admit that he is more familiar with the names of his toy characters than he is with Bible characters. In this New Year, we want to make a concerted effort to live the words of Deut. 11:18-20 - "Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children, talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates." We'll probably need to work on making Lego replicas of Bible characters and stories.

Thailand Tidbit:

Father's Day in Thailand is Dec. 5 for King Bhumibol Adulyadej's birthday. In 1946, King Bhumibol (Rama IX) was crowned as constitutional head of Thailand. He's the longest serving monarch in history!



MINISTRY MOMENT:

2 pages from the English book the Thai Elementary school provides for us to teach with are pictured to the left. What a great teaching moment to not only speak of the Thai King's birthday, but that of the King of Kings, Jesus Christ. The older students at the school even put on a nativity play at the Christmas party during school hours! God has left the doors wide open for the gospel.

Praises:

- Being able to call Thailand "home" for our family
- Bangkok court accepted GIS' appeal to hear their case
- Community with families God has brought to Thailand
- Finding better balance with family and work

Prayer Requests:

- Recovery efforts for those who suffered losses from the floods
- Passionate pursuit of God daily
- Diligence in language training
- Commitment to raising godly children

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