

Dela Paz Family Mission Updates

Philippine Global Missions

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Our Visa Struggles End

Now we are assured of a longer stay in Thailand as missionary because we are finally granted our one-year non-immigrant visa with work permit. In the light of the implementation of the new visa rule here many Filipino missionaries are affected. Some opted to go home and some stayed here praying and hoping that their visa problem will be resolved sooner.

We certainly knew that God moved and helped us along the way as we go on the long process of acquiring our visa and work permit. We heard a lot of stories among Filipinos at the immigration office about their visa problems and ours had just been resolved just in the nick of time. God is always on time.

For us, this is the assurance that we will not be going home soon. This God's way of giving us a guarantee

that we will be staying here for a while to proclaim the gospel and share the love of Christ to every people who will be touched by our lives regardless of religion, age, gender, race and language. Although we have been ministering to a particular group of people, we are not limiting our ministries to them. We have Catholic, Muslims, Buddhist friends and we believe that they become our friends for a God appointed reason.

We thank the people who really helped us in our visa struggles, for those who pray for us. Most importantly, to a fellow missionary who lent us the money, in act of love and generosity she did not think of her own need to renew her visa but she helped us out of the critical situation We still owe her \$340 which she will be needing soon for her own visa extension. We are begging you to you pray us so that we can return the favor to her.

News, Prayers & Praises

Grace Home Kindergarten Center (GHKC, yes that's our new name) in partnership with International Rescue Commission (IRC) held its first seminar on AIDS/HIV Awareness on October 27-28, 2006. This is the first of the three scheduled seminars that we will be conducting through IRC funding. The seminar was relevant for the Burmese Migrant Workers here. The seminars were offered primarily to the parents of the students at GHKC and the invitations were extended to the migrant workers in the community.

Joey was given an opportunity to proclaim the gospel in the two-day seminar. Angela and Narlin were responsible for organizing the seminar with the help of the staff. We are envisioning that those who attend will become Christians and be disciplined. We are praying that activities like these will be a way of evangelizing Burmese migrants here in Mae Sai and bring them in our church on the hill.



We beg that you continue to pray for us. Pray for a healthy relationship with fellow Christians here. Pray for the Grace Home Kindergarten as we envision to reach more people to Christ through this ministry. Pray for our church involvement as we reach out to the community through the church's program of free English classes and Computer literacy. Pray as we train local church leaders through PBTS/SEE. Pray for the Holy Spirit empowerment as Joey preaches every Sunday.