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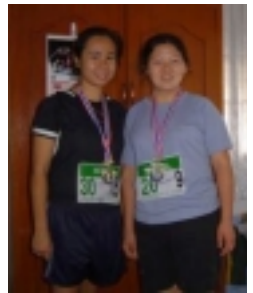
Many new and exciting things have happened since last month's update. It seems there are new developments almost everyday. In fact, by the time you get this, it will be outdated.

The most recent and exciting news is that we now have 2 children living in the house. In the last newsletter there were no children but now there are 2!! The first child we received is Wanna, nicknamed Ann, the little girl from Bangkok whose mother is living in the bars. After much prayer from supporters like you over the last few months, Ann has finally come to live with us. She arrived in mid-December and has been adjusting wonderfully. She's even potty-trained now. She is a 21-month-old ball of energy. She loves to dance and has the cutest smile. We've had to make some changes since she's been here: child-proofed the house, re-arranged the furniture, and changed our sleeping schedules.



We received our second child a few weeks after we became a registered home with the Department of Social Services. Suwarote is the first child given to us by the Thai government orphanage. He is a 22-month-old boy whom we have nicknamed Paul. He has only been here for less than a week and is very good-natured. The doctors had suspected he had cerebral palsy when he was 5 months old, but he shows no signs of delayed physical or mental development. He loves to run around and touch just about everything and his speech is very clear. He's just been having trouble when we put him down to sleep both during the day for his nap and at bedtime.

At the beginning of the new year, we hired a 2nd helper named Anna who is from Burma. Anna has been such a great help to us. She cooks and cleans and loves playing with the kids. She recently began running and ran her first race on her 25th birthday: a 12K up the mountain Doi Suthep. She grew up in a Christian family and has amazing stories to tell of how God brought her and kept her in Thailand.



Praise God!!! Our helper Jane, who has been working with us since last October, and her husband Tor accepted Christ around Christmas. God has been doing wonderful things in their lives. Jane has been challenged to read her Bible daily and to live with integrity in terms of being honest, which is a challenge for most Thais.

In January, Ann's father from Bangkok came for a visit and we went to see his 2 other children at Narada Home, another children's home nearby. Ann had fun playing with her big brother and sister that afternoon.



Since mid-December the neighborhood kids have been coming back to play at the house. For awhile they would come to hang out almost every afternoon, which was getting a little overwhelming for Wanna and the staff. We had to set some boundaries in terms of which toys they could play with and when they can come

over. Now we have set aside in the carport shelves filled with toys, crafts and balls they can use. We also limit them to coming 2 afternoons a week.

In January and February we celebrated the birthdays of all the staff. It was a great time of building relationships as we celebrated Kathleen's birthday at a park, Joyce's birthday with a BBQ at home, Anna's birthday at a local restaurant and Jane's birthday with homemade carrot cake and pizza.



Joyce, the volunteer from the US, is in the process of moving into a foster home nearby to help out there, but she will continue to help out at our house 2 days a week. She's expecting to receive a 3-month-old boy with an ear infection from the government orphanage very soon.

Prayer Requests:
Please pray for:

- Ann as she adjusts to her new older brother.
- The neighborhood girl Ing whose Thai citizenship we are trying to get. Pray that God would give us wisdom when we speak to the Thai government officials.
- Jane, Tor and their 2-year-old son that they would grow to be a godly family.
- Anna would pick up Thai and English quickly.
- Joyce as she adjusts to the new changes in her life and all would work out with the new baby she is fostering.
- Kathleen for back pain and for adjustments to all the changes at the house.



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