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"His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms..." (Ephesians 3:10)

Dear Friend,

Happy New Year! (Sawasdee Pii Mai) Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand, where our family has recently enjoyed having some time off school and work and a visit from Cat's parents, Tom and June Gourley of Crawfordsville, Indiana. This was their first time to visit us in Thailand and their first time to Asia. So, there were many new experiences, new foods, and new customs to experience.

After the extended time with grandchildren (and daughter and son-in-law), some of the highlights of their time here include visiting the Thai silk factory, paper umbrella factory, getting multiple Thai massages, taking a Thai cooking class, experiencing Christmas in a warm climate, experiencing the loudness of fire crackers and beauty of thousands of lanterns set off at midnight on New Years, and walking to the soup shop for lunch.



As we prepared for this letter we realized how many major milestones our family will experience in 2009. Faith's graduation from high school and transition to college in the USA is the obvious one. Some others include our 20th wedding anniversary, having 3 teenagers in the house at the same time, Faith turning 18, Tim turning 16, Matthew turning 13, and Paul turning 12. Also, this year will mark 7 years for Scott with YFC—the longest time at any one employer—with no end in sight.

We are excited about the coming year with YFC. New team members are joining our team and many exciting things are developing. We will be sharing much more about these events over the months ahead. But, this month, we want to focus this letter more on our family and sharing more about what is going on with us. We hope you enjoy the little family grid on the reverse side.

We are grateful for the support so many that have given to YFC to allow us to continue in this work. There have been many sacrifices, but we have been blessed to already see the rewards greatly outweighing the costs.

We hope that you experience much joy in 2009!

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January 2009 Family Update

New Year's Day 2009						
What we looked like 6 years ago when we did our last grid...						
Milestone this year	45 th Birthday 20 th Wedding Anniversary	20 th Wedding Anniversary	18 th Birthday High school graduation Starting college	16 th Birthday JV basketball	13 th Birthday	12 th Birthday
Height	6'4" (193 cm)	5'7" (170 cm)	5'7" and tied with her mother	6'1" (185 cm) and increasing daily	5' ½" (154 cm)	4'10" (147 cm)
What I enjoy the most about living in Thailand	Because of the low cost, affording to go out to eat at restaurants more often.	Rhythm of life, orchids, and the soup shop	School—both teachers, friends, and activities, inexpensive treasures	School, friends, airsoft,	Friends	Friends, airsoft, playing at internet cafe
Favourite Thai food	Khao Pad Gai (Chicken fried rice)	Sen Lek Nua Saut Hang	Khao Mun Gai Tod (fried chicken and rice)	Khao soi gai, sushi, Ba mee Nua Saut	Khao Pad Gai (Chicken fried rice)	Khao soi gai
Favourite school subject	Helping with math homework	Field trips (school excursions)	Study Hall! J Performing Arts, French	Study hall, Student leadership	Music and Drama	Writing
Favourite hobby	Assisting coaching varsity basketball	Reading, writing and Thai Massage	Reading good books, decorating, putting together gifts for others	Basketball, computer games, air soft	Soccer and hanging out with my friends	Playing airsoft
Favourite recent movie, TV Show	Vantage Point, Law & Order	Wall-E, Law & Order with my hubby	The Christmas Shoes	The Quantum of Solace, CSI	The Dark Knight, NCIS	Prince Caspian, NCIS
Favourite Song, or Artist	Casting Crowns	Celtic Instrumental Music and Strongholds from Beirut	-Bring a Torch, Jeanette, Isabella—arranged by Fernando Ortega -Point of Grace	-- Keane	Light up the Sky -- Yellowcard	Switchfoot
Best book I read in 2008	<u>The Israel of God</u> -- Robertson	<u>Wives and Daughters</u> – Elizabeth Gaskell, <u>The Resurrection</u> —Leo Tolstoy, <u>Telling Yourself the Truth</u> —Backus and Chapian	<u>The Shack</u> – William Young	<u>The Bourne Identity</u> – Robert Ludlum	<u>The Bourne Supremacy</u> —Robert Ludlum	<u>Lunch Money</u> – Andrew Clements
Book I am reading now or plan to read next	<u>Prayer</u> -- Philip Yancey	<u>Christless Christianity</u> —Michael Horton	<u>Jo's Boys</u> —Louisa May Alcott	<u>The Innocent man</u> —John Grisham	<u>The Bourne Ultimatum</u> —Robert Ludlum	<u>Cypress Knees</u> – Clarence Stone
The hardest adjustment for me has been...	Not being able to speak Thai very well	Maintaining relationships here and abroad to a level that is satisfactory	Knowing where my earthly "home" is	Working hard to get good grades in the end last year	Learning the new "Block Schedule" for 7 th grade (high school)	Learning Thai
One goal I have for 2009	Juggling my travel schedule to be able to assist with varsity basketball coaching again next season	Be decisive in a few areas of life and move in those decisions	Finding and maintaining a regular prayer and Bible reading time	To get into a work out regimen at home including running and weight lifting	To improve my grades, and relationships with my friends and family	To be a better friend and brother.