



# Allison Newsletter

February 2008



Preparing to board in Huntsville

## We're in Thailand!

Well, after a whopping 48 hours of travelling, we have finally made it to Bangkok, Thailand. We left Huntsville on the 26<sup>th</sup>, spent the night in Los Angeles, and then arrived in Bangkok late on the night of the 28<sup>th</sup> (that's a bit deceptive because Bangkok is 12 hours ahead of Central Standard Time). It was really weird to cross the dateline because we left Los Angeles at about 12:00 pm on the 27<sup>th</sup> and arrived in Hong Kong after a fifteen hour flight on the evening of the 28<sup>th</sup>. We lost a day of our lives on that flight!

Maggie did wonderfully until Hong

Kong when her little bottom began hurting from sitting in the car seat too long. We visited a missionary friend, Lydia Robinson, in Bangkok then headed to the airport on day three of our travels. We boarded the plane then were escorted off because Casey was too pregnant. They rushed us to a clinic in the airport, had the doctor exam Casey, then put us on the next flight. Robert Reagan picked us up at the airport, then took us to his beautiful home where his wife, Jan, made us the best spaghetti we've ever had!

Please pray for us as we transition and try to begin our ministry in Chiang Mai.

## Chris' Crazy Month

February is our "love month." Chris has his work cut out for him during the first of this month every year. Casey's birthday is on the fifth, our anniversary the thirteenth, and Valentine's Day the fourteenth! This year, Chris took made Casey an entirely chocolate birthday cake and had a party with her family. He bought her some wonderful missionary books that she has already finished, and he took her out for a nice dinner then Valentine's Day party with friends. We feel so blessed to be able to share time together and celebrate the wonderful relationship God has given us!



We spent a night in LA

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**"Partnering to rebuild the broken foundation of Cambodia on the solid foundation of Christ!"**



Our Arrival in Bangkok



**Visiting the McArthurs, Casey's grandparents (above); Members of our Young Marrieds class**



## Saying Goodbye

Leaving family and friends always makes you appreciate them more. During the last month of our time in the States, we had a wonderful time of saying good-bye to the people who have been a blessing to us over the past year.

Meet the Trotters: Brian, Melissa, Nathan, Cate, and Sam. This special family has become very dear to us as we've had meals together, let our children play with each other, and spent time studying and discussing God's Word.

Meet Mary Bell: We frequently had breakfast at a quaint little restaurant in Five Points where we always sat in Mary's section. Mary encouraged us in the Lord and has become a good friend.

Meet the Seals: Brad and Jennifer are part of the young marrieds class we attended as well

as the Lifetalk we visited toward the end of our time with Central. They have hosted us in their home and blessed the young couples in the church with their hospitality many times.

Meet Nana and Pawpaw: We were so blessed by the Hanson family who allowed us not only to store our thing in their home but also kept and fed us for a week before we left. It was a special time, one spent mostly with Nana and Pawpaw Hanson playing with Maggie while we packed and ran errands. We're so thankful for a family who loves us so very much.

These and many others are precious to us, and we treasure the thought of eternity with them. Please pray that we will bring others to the knowledge of such a wonderful future here and in Cambodia.

## Packing and Preparing to Move

February was filled with tasks such as getting our visas and international driver's licenses. With our decision to move being made only two months prior and our family vacation in Texas taking two week so of that time, preparation for moving was rushed! But God blessed us with all we needed. The ladies at Central even threw us a wonderful shower before we left, giving us more funds to prepare for Melanie's birth. We again praise God for our Central family.



Packing was a challenge with the new international travel weight limit being 50 lbs. With two babies, we had a good deal to bring. We are so thankful for God's provision in that we have all we need and more.

## Important Sponsoring Church Update!



**We have asked the Hillcrest church of Christ to be our sponsoring congregation temporarily while we are in Thailand. Those of you who are helping to support us while we are here, please send your checks to the following address:**

**P.O. Box 1264  
Paragould, AR 72451**

**Thank You!**

## Prayer

### Requests

- The health of baby **Melanie**
- House searching and adjustment in **Chiang Mai**
- **Chris' upcoming trip to Cambodia**
- For God to place **Cambodia on the heart of a church that can oversee our work**

*His Gifts  
for  
His Glory!*



### From Maggie

I had a great time watching Tarzan and Beauty and the Beast over and over again on the airplane. The nice man on the plane gave me some crayons and paper, and I colored a lot! Daddy and Mommy were very tired, but they still took me on walks on the plane and showed me how to stretch.

When we got to Chiang Mai, I played with Erica and Branson (Reagan) and their cat, Gracie. I really wanted to eat Gracie's food.

I am ready to learn Thai, and I have already made some friends!

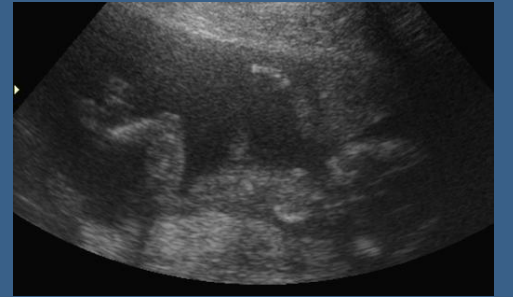
### From Melanie

I am getting very big and should be coming in just ten weeks. I am making Mommy very big and extremely hot. I love to kick when Daddy and Maggie touch Mommy's tummy.

## Kids' Korner



Maggie experiencing jetlag



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