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Mission Accomplished

By the time you receive this newsletter, the Durenens will have arrived in Thailand to begin their third term. The past year has made up the best furlough we have ever had.

After 42,000 miles and 104 services we have been blessed by thousands of you who love missions. You have prayed for us, encouraged us, and supported our work. You helped us to raise 100% of our monthly budget, and, as of the writing of this newsletter, \$115,000 toward our \$150,000 TLC / bible school project.

Thank you very much for your part in this mission. We have learned that this is a team effort. Without your finances we couldn't go. Without your prayers the power of God would not be released.

The next few weeks will be hectic. We

will be moving into our old house in Chiangmai. There are dozens of things to do including setting up Jocelyn's new bed, changing the water pump, building closets, installing a room air conditioner in the living room, and fixing the many things that seem to always break down when no one is around.

While we're getting settled at home, preparations for starting the new bible school must begin, as well as negotiations on the building we hope to buy. We have never started a bible school before and have no idea what to expect.

Jocelyn is excited to return to Grace International School in August. However, we have been told that ninth grade is full and she may not get in. Please pray that a place will open for her. At the age of

14, her social life is so very important to her, and all her friends attend Grace.

We anticipate another fruitful term in Chiangmai. Please continue to pray that

God would anoint us and give us wisdom and His strategy to train many ministers and send them out to plant effective churches that will impact Thailand for Christ!



Venture

Krista's friend, Aaron Smith, is the leader of **Venture**, a five-man team who will be bicycling across Europe this summer to raise support for Cry Africa (fighting AIDS).

Last year Venture biked across America, raising \$17,000 for STL. This year's goal is \$25,000. You can follow them on the Web at www.crazyventure.com



Prayer Needs

- **TLC ...** Pray for the remaining \$35,000 to come in for the *TLC Project*.
- **JOCELYN ...** Pray that a place would open up in grade 9 at Grace International School for Jocelyn.
- **MOVE ...** Pray for our move to Thailand and the many adjustments necessary in getting established there.
- **BIBLE SCHOOL ...** Pray for the Lord's blessing and leading over the establishment of the new Bible School.
- **KRISTA & JERIS ...** Pray for the kids who have to stay behind.
- **LOST ...** Pray for the 99% of Thais who need Jesus.

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