



Making disciples among the unreached

The Letaw Family in Japan

February 16, 2019



Getting Ready to Return

Dear WOCC,

Konnichi-wa, aloha, and sawatdee khrap. While it may seem like the three of us have vanished into thin air, we are alive & well in Thailand. During this break, we're seeing Pen's family, catching up on medical & dental needs, and getting everything lined up for our ministry in Yamanaka. Tomorrow, we'll attend the church where we were married 11 years ago today, although nearly the entire congregation & pastoral staff has changed since then.

Family Celebrations

February is always a busy month for us, with birthdays, Valentine's Day, and our anniversary. We rolled all three into one, and celebrated with Pen's family. Mele has a hard time understanding that mom & dad have birthdays too, so we added an extra candle for her on John's cake and she helped blow it out.

For our stay in Bangkok, we've rented a room across the street from Pen's



parent's furniture store. This means that Mele gets to see her grandparents nearly every day, a welcome treat.

A Surprise Trip Home

John took advantage of this downtime for a surprise trip home to California to visit his Mom and sister. This was a great week for family members to catch up, after nearly a year apart. Our apologies to those of you in the area that we didn't have time to visit; the week was fully booked with errands and visits with Mom and we really couldn't accommodate a social calendar. We still value our online communications and hope to see you next time we are in the Bay Area.





A Thriving Little Girl

Mele is coming on strong in 2019. She is taking karate lessons, and in her first month got promoted to Purple Belt, a notable accomplishment for someone who has not yet reached her third birthday. You don't want to mess with this young lady!

Mele's karate instructors speak a mix of Thai and Japanese (no English), and Mele is comfortable navigating the multi-lingual environment. Her Thai skills are growing in this immersive setting, and we know her Japanese will get even stronger in Yamanaka where she will enroll in pre-school.



On Valentine's Day, Mele took a one-day cooking class. At the end of the day, she treated us to homemade spinach ravioli, plus some delicious jelly filled Valentine's cookies. She dives into each new experience with gusto, and nothing seems to faze her.

During all these activities, we continue to coordinate with SEND International, our host mission organization. They have arranged two work days in April where teams will come from Tokyo to help with spring cleaning and get the retreat center ready for a new season of guests. Pen & I had assumed we'd be doing all this work ourselves, so having this amount of help is a welcome treat. It really boosts our spirits and it means we can be ready that much sooner to open the facility after the winter snow melts away.

Blessings and Prayers

We are happy to report that we are now 100% funded, after a final push over the holidays. We praise God for this milestone, and we thank so many of you who have joined in to help financially.

Please continue to pray for us during our remaining weeks in Thailand. Our life is quite full here and we hope to get some rest before diving into our 12-month term at Yamanaka. We just bought our tickets to return to Japan on April 8th, so this new assignment is becoming quite real.

Thank you and God bless!



Mele with her grandma and grandpa (ah-mah and ah-kong, as she calls them in Thai). It's heart-warming to see how they have formed close bonds during their time together.

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