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reaching university students  
with the love of Christ

# WHERE I'VE BEEN, WHERE I'M GOING

July/August 2008

I spent the last three weeks in Springfield, Missouri, attending *Missionary Training and Renewal*. I learned about a variety of things, from Asian culture to filing taxes overseas to reaching the least-reached peoples of the world. It was a great time to spend time with old friends and make new ones, encouraging others and being encouraged. The weeks concluded with a commissioning service for all of the new missionaries. We sang a special song as a choir, and then people prayed over us to send us out.

Now what? I leave on July 22nd to go to *Thailand* for a month. No, I haven't raised all of my budget already. So why am I going?

## ALWAYS A LEARNER

I'm going to Thailand for school! After I graduated from Evangel University in May, 2007, I enrolled at Biola University for the Master of Arts in Intercultural Studies program. Why Biola? Biola offers this degree in its entirety in *Chiang Mai, Thailand!* Classes are given in two-week modules twice a year. I have already taken a variety of courses, from anthropology to church-planting. My classmates are missionaries in Asian countries, and I have been privileged to learn from them. This August I will take 1) Theology of Mission and 2) Cross-cultural Teaching and Learning.



my fellow students from January 2008 classes

## MEET MY FRIEND...




**PREM.** He studies English at a Christian center, and has heard the Gospel many times. He knows the truth but is not ready to accept it. Pray God will soften his heart and Prem will say YES to Jesus!

## PRAISE AND PRAYER

**PRAISE GOD FOR** an excellent time of learning in Springfield; the opportunity for me to study in Chiang Mai; financial gifts from supporters

**PRAY FOR** safe travels to Thailand; productivity and success in my studies; time to connect with my Thai friends and make new ones; finances!

**PROGRESS:** 16% of monthly commitments, 5% of cash budget raised

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