



*The Christensen kids
Bob had the privilege of teaching—Karis, Kelsey and Karston
— over the past 7 years.*

The Benefits of Time

As I have grown older, I have learned to appreciate the way things improve over time...ok some things anyway. While working with people, there is no substitution for time spent building relationships and learning the ins and outs of a particular community. This is certainly also true in the educational world.

Maintaining continuity at a school is a crucial component in the process of improving an educational program. Teachers who stay around are able to spend time improving what is being taught rather than just figuring out the basics. Returning teachers are also essential for students to feel a sense of community in the place they learn. When kids walk through their hallways and see nothing but new faces, it is an added challenge to overcome each year. At the end of every school year at Grace International School (GIS), I have parents and students asking me if I am returning for another year because they want their next child-- or themselves-- to be in my classroom.

Next year will be my 13th year at GIS and I continue to love the chance to teach and invest in the lives God sends our way every year. But, my ability to return is always connected to how our support stands. Currently, our support has slipped and we are \$1,100 short each month. ***We are in need of people to step into the gap and join our partnership team to ensure that a veteran teacher can continue for many years to come.*** Could you be part of the partnership team we need? Are you a part of a group that we could visit and share the ministry God has given us? We are expectantly looking to see how God provides for our needs and allows us the chance to continue to invest our time in the community here in Chiang Mai.



Summer Plans

This summer will find us in both Minnesota (June) and Colorado (July). Here are the meetings we have scheduled as of now. If you have a group that would like to spend some time hearing about our ministry—drop us a note, we'd love to add you to the calendar. We hope to have the opportunity to see many of you.

June 22 - 6:30pm - Coffee chat Mark & Robyn Sandquist's - 2544 Valley View Ave E, Maplewood

June 23 - 10am - Worship Service - The Heights Church - 1845 Hyacinth Ave E St. Paul

June 23 - 5:30pm - Chat & some Thai food - The Heights Church, St. Paul

June 24 - 10am - Coffee chat - Rick & Mary Erickson's - 9843 Wynstone Ct. Woodbury

July 14 - 4-7pm BBQ Robert & Abby Lopez's - 8403 Owens Ct., Arvada, CO
(burgers provided; please bring a side dish to share)

July 21 - 2:30 - 5 Open House Doug & Cheryl Johnson's - 6244 Devinney Circle, Arvada, CO

US Cell (new number): 720-955-0775

Praises

- Three buildings are up and getting ready to receive students in Aug.
- God's gracious protection and provision for our kids.
- New teachers are hired and on the way to serve in Chiang Mai.
- Marcia's Thai continues to advance
- Friends and family are helping with our summer plans in so many ways.
- Marcia's English students' continue to improve in their ability to communicate.
- Our faithful partners' support is an encouragement every day
- We have enjoyed another year of good health.

Prayer Requests

- New support partners needed to return to full support.
- For new teachers as they raise support and say goodbyes.
- Additional funds to build phases 2 and 3 of our new facility.
- For all the finishing touches that need to happen at the buildings in preparation for school in August.
- For wisdom for our kids as they make decisions in life.
- Safety in our travels this summer driving between CO and MN.

How can we be praying for you? Please let us know...it's a privilege!

Support Update:

We currently need
\$1,100 / month to be fully supported.

Thank you!

To you who pray faithfully and give generously to allow us to serve in Thailand.



We'd LOVE to hear from you!

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