



R Family News

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Experiencing a Ministry Trip

-RaVonne Rhodes

I had the privilege of joining a team of students from IGo on a ten day trip to Southern Thailand. Our trip consisted of teaching English and quite a bit of prayer walking. **It was an incredible experience for me...seeing a new part of Thailand, having many opportunities to practice Thai daily, seeing God work in the lives of my team & in my own life, seeing all the answered prayers, and so much more. The whole trip was a BIG highlight for me, but I really enjoyed seeing how open people were and God taught me so much about looking for ways to share my faith with the people I come into contact with every day. Since I have been back home it has been a challenge for me to look for people right here in my busy schedule to share the love of Jesus with,** but really, we have the greatest gift of all and if we don't share it we are not doing our job as Christians. This will always be something I want to grow in and I want to challenge you to take it seriously as well! We are not guaranteed another day...neither are the people around us. What if they died tonight!? **Would they have known of Jesus love?** ◇



Prayer & Praise

- *Pray for continued strength to face the ups and downs of adjusting to life at IGo and in Thailand.
- *Pray that our students can finish well and go home prepared.
- *Praise God for protection on the roads with 4 Rhodes Drivers.
- *Pray for Sam (our JW friend) that He would become a Christian.
- *Praise God for Good Health for all of us!
- *Pray for wisdom for us as we lead our children.

An Urgent Task

-Rick Rhodes

I've been reading the book "Radical" by David Platt - an excellent read! Mr. Platt tells the story of a good friend who visited a remote village in Southeast Asia. He found that this village had never heard the Gospel. While sitting and visiting with some men in the village, one man went into his shop and returned with a Coke can. This reality hit home for Mr. Platt's friend - "A soft-drink company in Atlanta has done a better job getting brown sugar water to this village than the church of Jesus Christ has done in getting the Gospel to them." God has clearly decided to use the church as the means of taking the Gospel to the ends of the earth. For those of us in the church, we have an urgent task on our hands! Tell someone today - it may be your last chance to tell and/or their last chance to hear! ◇

New Card Designs
 Christmas Moments!
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The inspired designs of artistic moments by RaVonne Rhodes, are available in 5 new card designs.

View all 19 card designs and place your orders at [R Family Ministries](#)
 All card proceeds go to RaVonne.

Last Term at IGo...

We are in the last three weeks of classes at IGo. There's only one more ministry trip and then it is wrap-up and the sendoff for this group of students! Rick is teaching 'Local Church Evangelism' which focuses on Evangelism and Discipleship in your own home area. We want the students to be prepared to return home and serve in their own local churches.

Serving as a Mentor...

Renita has been mentoring three girls at IGo this Semester. Coffee shops, sharing times, fun lunches together, shopping and praying together have all been a part of it this time.



Skating to Celebrate!

Our family celebrated the end of the first quarter of school by going skating as a family at one of the newest skating rinks in town...in a mall!



Rondel is on his feet...

Rondel is well on his way to walking, but seems to like to take his time to learn a new skill. He is quite good at crawling, I must say. Also, as soon as it looks like he will take a few steps he has a big audience of encouragers. ☺



A trip to the Border

Every 90 days we have to make a run for the border (sorry Taco Bell ☺) to keep our visa active. So, this time it was to Myanmar. Sometimes border run days can feel like you just wasted a whole day ... you drive to the border, cross it, turn around and go all the way home. But for now we just have to do them. ☺



Snake Stories

In the past 3 months we have killed about 6 snakes (I lost track☺) and 8 caecilians in our yard and flowerbeds. We are learning more about Thailand snakes. And I am finally working at identifying them.

According to "Thailand Snakes" website:

"Thailand has 200+ snake species with over 60 of them - venomous... Thailand snakes are common - but, you'll have to really search hard to find them on a regular basis. They will not find you too often either."

He also says that you will commonly see about 1-2 snakes a year in Thailand. I would like to invite him to come and research them at our house. ☺

