



IR Family News

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Miracle Vehicle Prayer Request Answered -Rick Rhodes

In our last newsletter, one of our prayer requests was for "a miracle vehicle" for our family here in Thailand. We now have our miracle van! Here is a short version of the story. In Dec. of 2011, our family went back to the USA for a 2 month visit. Before returning, we bought a Ford E350 van that we were able to use for all of our travels during our 2 months in the states. After our 2 month trip, we parked the van for the next 1 1/2 years, until we returned to the USA for our furlough.

Upon returning to the USA in May of 2013, we had a vehicle - our Ford van. It worked great the whole 14 months we were back.

When our furlough was over and it came time to leave and return to Thailand, we needed to sell our van. We were able to sell our Ford van for \$10,000 USD. That is exactly what we bought it for almost 4 years earlier - not very often you can do that!

We needed to get a bigger van here in Thailand, since our 7 passenger van was plenty tight for our family of 10. I knew the prices of 12 passenger vans here in Thailand are very high - more like \$15,000 - \$25,000 USD. So with our \$10,000 from our Ford van, we hoped it would be a good start on a bigger van here in Thailand. That is why we prayed for a "miracle" van. Praise the Lord - we have our miracle van! Found it online in Bangkok - bought it without seeing/driving it (had it delivered last Friday). An even better van than I hoped to find! Oh, and the price? \$9,900 USD! We had \$100 extra from the sale of our Ford van! Amazing! We praise God for His good gift to us! ♦



We celebrated Rick's 41st birthday on Oct. 10 with a picnic in our backyard. So thankful for him!





Above: some photos from normal life.

1 & 2 – Rylan & Rondel’s favorite daily activity.

3 – Reggie caught snails & kept them under the bed until they smelled bad!

4 – Rylan playing out on the veranda

5 – School field trip – all the families are welcome to go along.

6 – Mother/Daughter time

7 – Soccer in the backyard is the hit activity here right now.

8 – Reggie bought a bubble blower in their school incentive program and blew many bubbles that afternoon.

Left: We took some IGo students and went to a catch and release fishing pond for family night.



Praise God for ...

- **Providing us with a ‘miracle’ van**
- **Good health**
- **Prayer supporters & financial supporters**
- **New driver’s licenses ... after many days of paperwork & tests.**

Pray with us for ...

- **Adjustments for our family – yes, they are still happening.**
- **Thailand – stability with the government.**
- **Safety on the roads here ... several of our staff/students have had accidents lately. ☹**