

Lippincott Updates – 2018

April 30: Trip to Hong Kong and finding a foundation

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A quick visual from my recent trip to Hong Kong to film a story for some friends of ours.

Hong Kong Trip

In the middle of April, I took a quick trip to Hong Kong to film a story for some friends of mine. I flew out on Friday morning at 6 am and returned at noon on Sunday. A crazy fast trip full of filming and time with good friends in Hong Kong.

The project is to tell the story of our friend's adoption for the yearly fundraising Gala for Mothers Choice an organization that serves children without families and pregnant teenagers in Hong Kong.

Searching for a Foundation

We are currently in the process of searching for a foundation to work under in Thailand. Thailand has very strict rules about who can work and what kind of work you can do, so we currently are not able to do any projects in Thailand. I think we have found a foundation whose scope of work encompasses what we do, we are now in the application process. Our hope is to have the process finished by July and be able to pursue projects here in Thailand.

For now we have a couple projects in the planning stages in other parts of the world.

Family Update

Life here has been busy for the last month. Lily and Ian were both able to attend a youth camp put on here in Chiang Mai by a group from California at the beginning of the month. And this past weekend were about to attend a youth retreat with their youth groups which included a trip to a local water park.

I am still studying Thai at a local language school two days a week and trying to keep myself from getting overwhelmed with all the new information.

Lorilee has been doing better over the last few weeks. We were able to get some supplements brought over by friends that seem to be helping her have more energy and recover from exertion better. On Saturday she was able to get out of the house and go to a yard sale and attend a going away party for friends of our who are moving back to Sweden.

Praises:

1. We are almost finished with our back log of projects that we have been working to finish and ready to start some new work.
2. We were able to get needed supplements brought over for Lorilee.
3. Both Lily and Ian have found good youth groups to be involved in and are enjoying Chiang Mai
4. The wonderful lady that helps us with house cleaning was quite sick earlier this month but is feeling much better.

Requests:

1. Lorilee's continued recovery.
2. Wisdom while scheduling work in the coming months.
3. Finding a foundation or business to work under here in Thailand.

*I hope you are having a wonderful week,
Byron (also Lorilee, Lily and Ian)*

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March 14: Shifting Gears

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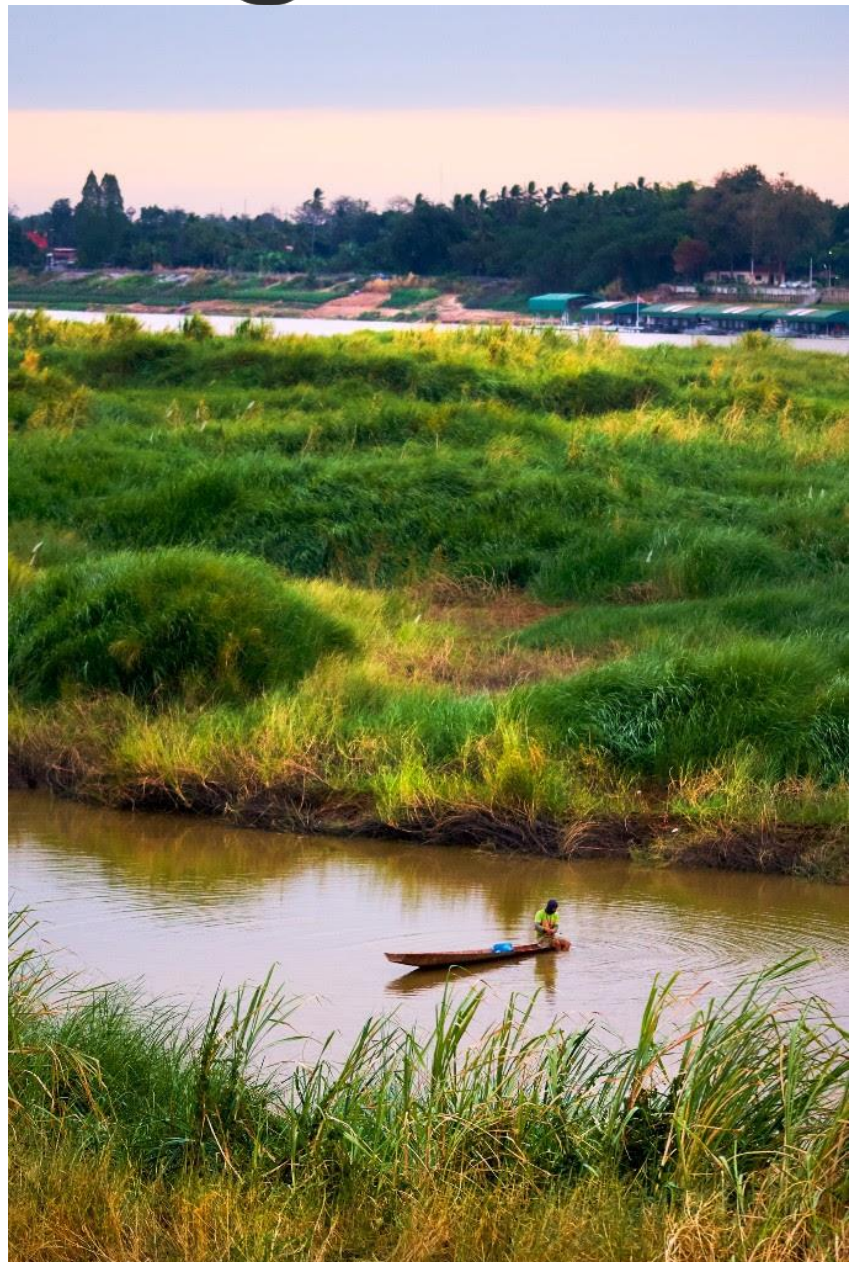
Early morning on the riverside in Vientiane, Laos.

We had to make a trip to Vientiane to get new Thai visas in January.

Shifting Gears

So far this year has not proceeded exactly as we had hoped.

Our last update after Christmas was right after we took a couple of days to travel to a small town outside Chiang Mai and spend time as a family. Since then life has been busy and full. After our Christmas trip Lorilee's health took a downward turn. In the middle of her health being in a more difficult place we had to leave Thailand and travel to Vientiane, Laos. We managed to choose the coldest week in January to make the trip. We all spent the trip trying to stay warm, but we found good food to eat and were able to just relax and spend a couple days together. I (Bryon) was able to spend a few hours exploring and photographing the night market in Vientiane.



The trip took a lot out of Lorilee but we made it home with new visa's and started back into school and work. At the end of January we traveled south to Bangkok to our organizations yearly conference. After our conference we were able to stop in Bangkok and see Lorilee's doctor for a follow up visit and to recheck some of her important blood tests.

The results were good, all her markers are improving and moving in the right direction. Having said that, overall her health is more fragile than when we first arrived in Thailand. For the most part it is due to all the extra activity we have had that in the last few months that has forced her to expend more energy than she has available.

The last few months have been a reminder to us that Lorilee's condition is serious and is going to take her full time focus for the foreseeable future. Realistically she most likely going to be on full bedrest for the next few months. Recovery in patients with her condition is most often slow and limited.

We have hired a lady to help us with cleaning around the house 2 days a week to allow me more time to focus on work, Lorilee's health and the kids.



Photos from a project we just completed for [Love Justice International](#)

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The beginning of the year has been a mixed bag of projects really. We have spent time finishing projects that were started last year and doing some new work as well. I started the year with a couple photo projects for [Love Justice International](#). You can see a couple of the photos from one of those shoots above. I also have been doing some photography for some friends who are starting a coffee business. I am currently working on a website for a local church planting organization in Phnom Penh.

Due to Lorilee's health and the fact that our website work relies heavily on her skills, we will not be doing any website work for the next 12-18 months as she rests and focuses on her health. So I will be focusing on photo and video projects moving forward.

We are also in the process of looking for a foundation to work under in Thailand. Currently we cannot work in Thailand. I am studying Thai at a language school so we can have a long term visa and live here, but ideally with Lorilee's health situation we would like to find a non profit foundation or a business that will give us the necessary permissions to work legally in Thailand.

Praises:

5. Our busy travel season as a family is over and we can be home and focus on Lorilee's health and finishing the projects that we have been working on over the last couple of months.
6. Earlier this month we found a mechanic to work on our car that saved us about \$1300 on car repairs
7. Both Lily and Ian have found good youth groups to be involved in and are enjoying Chiang Mai
8. We found a wonderful lady that comes 2 days a week to help with cleaning the house so I can have more time to work and spend with the kids. She does an amazing job and we are so blessed to have her helping us.

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4. Lorilee's continued recovery.
5. Wisdom while scheduling work in the coming months.
6. Finding a foundation or business to work under here in Thailand.

I hope you are having a wonderful week,
Byron (also Lorilee, Lily and Ian)

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