

# Lippincott Updates – 2018

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**August 13:** Things Starting and Things on Hold

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### Things Starting and Things on Hold

Lily and Ian started school this week, Lily is starting grade 11 and Ian is starting Grade 8. I would love to report that they are excited to learn and happy to be back at school, but as could be expected they would prefer to still be on vacation. On Friday last week we took a day off and drove to a national park about an hour and a half away to the south of Chiang Mai and spent the day hiking to waterfalls and exploring the national parks. As you can see in the photo to the right, Lorilee has been feeling much better and was able to walk a couple hundred meters to the waterfall and spend time enjoying the time outdoors.

About 6 weeks ago we made a trip to Laos to get new visa's to start work under a foundation here. Upon returning we prepared the paperwork to apply for a work permit, and after a short wait we



were told that there was a standoff between the government labor department and the immigration department over how to handle volunteer work permits.

So we are now deep into the waiting game. Our current visa's expire on Oct 2. and if the old system is put back into place we then face a long paper chase to get it completed on time. We are hoping for a speedy resolution that allow us to renew our visa's without leaving the country as that is expensive and hard on Lorilee's health.

### **A quick update on our current and recent projects for Sharing Dots.**

I made a trip to China to at the end of June to be the cinematographer for a documentary that is being produced by a production company in Switzerland. I also now have 2 projects scheduled for the end of August in Cambodia. One with Clear Cambodia, who we did a website and other work for last year. And one for BE FREE another organization we produced a video for last year.

We are have also been working as we have time to collect all of my personal photographs from the countries we have work in into a collection of photos that can be used by non-profits in Asia to enhance their communications. We allow them to use photos without recognizable people in them for their social media and websites to help educate their donors about the areas they are working in. You can check out the collection by following the link below.

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/bryonlippincott/collections>

### **Praises:**

1. We were able to get out of the city and go to the mountains for a day
2. The supplements we got for Lorilee have been helping and she is getting stronger
3. Lorilee has been feeling better and was able to plan the kids homeschool for the year
4. We have a good community of friends and a good church here in Chiang Mai

### **Requests:**

1. Lorilee's continued recovery
2. That the work permit standoff with the government would end soon and that we can get our visa's extended in October
3. That Lorilee will have the energy to continue teaching the kids school over the next few months

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Byron (also Lorilee, Lily and Ian)*

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**June 18:** Lots Going On

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*A shot out the window of my room while I was in China a few weeks ago.*

## **Lots Going On**

The last few weeks have been quite busy and the next few weeks will continue to be quite busy for us but we are busy in good ways. Here are some snippets of what's going on.

Two weeks ago I spent the week in China working on a project.

I am in the planning/ideation stage with some future work for Love Justice International.

The video we created for Mothers Choice in Hong Kong was shown at their Gala event on May 19. We received some good feedback on the video and its impact on the audience.

Over the last few weeks I have been doing a lot of work for Shalom, an organization we who we are creating a new website for. I helped them get connected to a nonprofit in the US that will allow them to accept donations in the US and receive the money in Cambodia. It has been a long process to get it set up and working but they were able to accept their first donations last month and use the money to continue their work.

I have also been helping a past client, Clear Cambodia with troubleshooting on their email system. I will also be traveling to Cambodia in August to film and photograph some new stories for them.



*A traditional Chinese Muslim Temple in Xining, China*

## **China Trip**

On Thursday I am flying back to China for 8 days as a cinematographer for project in China. Should be a great time in one of my favorite cities in China.

## **We found a foundation to work under!!!**

Over the last couple months we have applied and been accepted by a foundation here in Thailand. After my trip to China we will make another trip to Laos the first week of July to get new visa's and officially move under this foundation. This foundation has a lot of projects going, ranging from anti trafficking work to schools, and development work. We are excited to be able to help them tell some of these stories as part of our work here in Thailand.

This is very exciting for us as it will allow us to legally work with organization here in Thailand that need the services we provide. It will allow me to work closer to home and reduce the amount of long trips that I need to take to work out of the country.

## **Family Update**

Lorilee has been doing better over the last few weeks. She has been able to be up more and be more active, which is really good with my travel schedule being what it is.

Lily is volunteering at a horse riding camp this summer that is put on by a local horse rescue shelter. She gets to learn about and experience the joys of farm life. She has quickly learned that there is a lot of work involved in caring for horses.

Ian is continuing to master the rubrics cubes, and is beginning to build a website dedicated to everything cubing.

### **Praises:**

1. Rainy Season is here and it has brought cooler weather. (I'm really excited about this)
2. The supplements we got for Lorilee have been helping and she is getting stronger
3. Both Lily and Ian have youth groups activities to keep them connected to their friends over the summer.
4. We found a foundation to work under and will soon have a work permit.

### **Requests:**

1. Lorilee's continued recovery.
2. Wisdom while scheduling work in the coming months.
3. Lorilee's health will not take a turn for the worse when we all travel to Laos for visa's in a couple of weeks.

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**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.

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**March 14: Shifting Gears**

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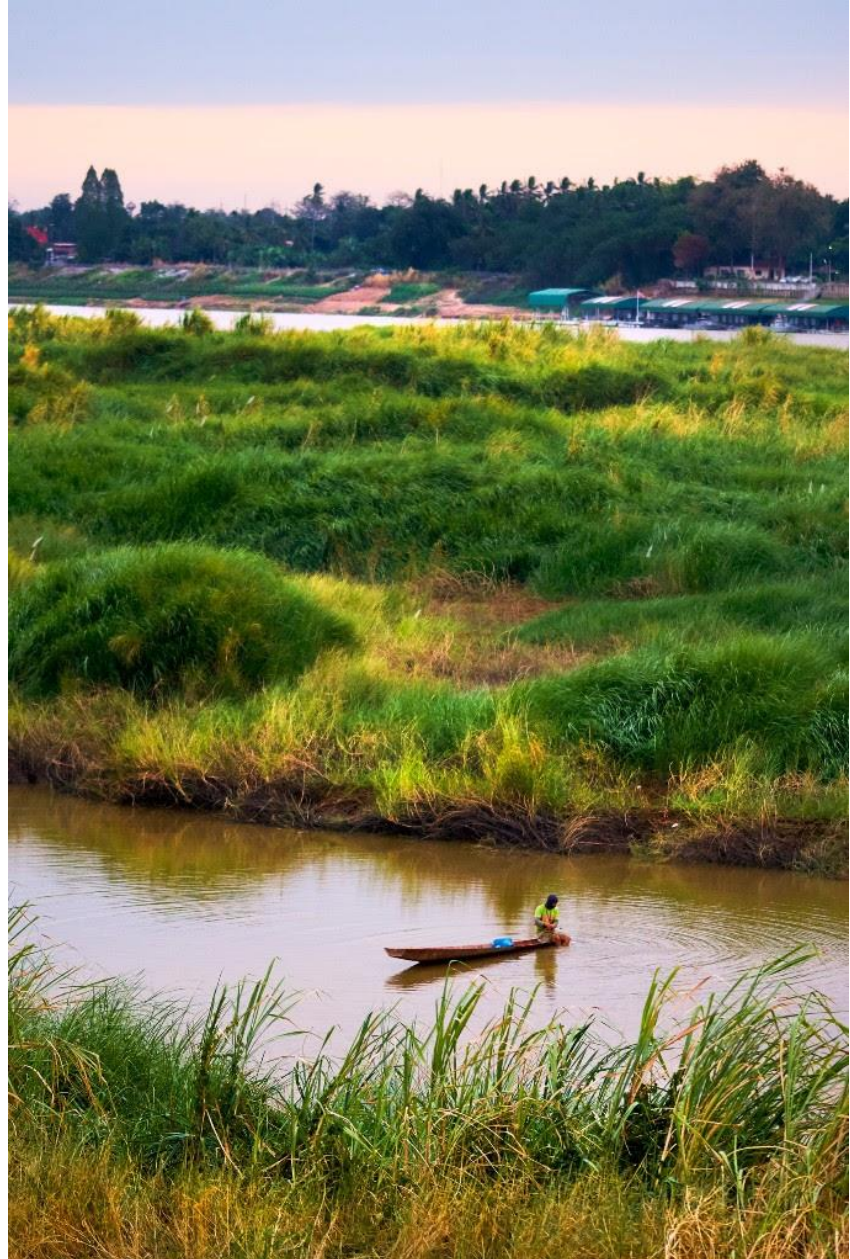
*Early morning on the riverside in Vientiane, Laos.*

*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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## Sharing Dots

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.

**We invite you help us make 2018 strong by making a one-time donation or by starting a monthly support commitment.**

### **Praises:**

1. 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.
2. Earlier this month we found a mechanic to work on our car that saved us about \$1300 on car repairs
3. Both Lily and Ian have found good youth groups to be involved in and are enjoying Chiang Mai
4. 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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