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October 6: Another Miracle!

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We got our work permit and visa extension this week, allowing us to work and stay here in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

As we were celebrating, Lorilee and I got to talking about all the miracles we have been blessed with that have allowed us to stay here doing our work in Asia.

It all started with a Toyota Prius early in 2013. We needed to sell our car before moving to China to take a job teaching English and helping a local Christian man build a school. It finally sold less than a week before we were supposed to leave. Then it was our first visa crisis. We applied for visas to China and received them 2 days before we were supposed to fly to China.

In the fall of 2013 the school we were teaching at decided not to renew our contract. We felt we were supposed still be in China, so we now needed income and a visa. God provided a visa through an organization in Beijing, and income through a successful business that we started in an act of desperate faith.

In the fall of 2014 the position and visa in Beijing fell through and we were again looking for a visa and needing steady income. God provided a visa through connections we had made and income by a chance to sell the business we started in 2013.

Summer of 2015 we were supposed to move to Thailand. We thought we had a partnership with an organization set up to provide a visa. We packed up our apt in Beijing and gave up our apt and left on a 3 month work trip to western China. It fell through. No house, no country to be based in. He put Cambodia on our minds, doors opened and we were able to move to Cambodia in the fall of 2015 after we finished our projects in western China and Mongolia.

Fall of 2016 – Lorilee was hospitalized in Cambodia, one of the worst places in the world to be hospitalized with a serious illness. We thought for sure we would have to move again. But God

provided an amazing American internal medicine specialist at our hospital that was able to do all the needed tests, rule out life threatening illnesses and provide much needed peace of mind.

In the fall of 2017 we needed to try something different for Lorilee's health. The American doctor had returned to the US. And we were afraid something in Phnom Penh was causing Lorilee's illness. We moved out of our house, and went to the coast for fresh air and sunshine. Hoping for a change for the better. Instead Lorilee got worse. We finally decided to try taking her to a specialist we had heard about in Bangkok. As we were traveling to Thailand a friend offered us the use of an apartment in Chiang Mai, for the month of September. Realizing we needed to be closer to good medical care we decided to move to Chiang Mai in Oct 2017. At the end of last year we were blessed with a few extra donations that allowed us to make the transition to Thailand and get set up here in Chiang Mai.

Chiang Mai has been a much better situation for our family. The Specialist in Bangkok has been a huge blessing. He lets us have Skype appointments, get Lorilee's blood tests done locally and send him the results and his fees are incredibly low. We have a great church, the kids have youth groups and a homeschool group that provide friends and social activities.

This summer God provided a foundation that we could partner with to get a visa and a work permit. The partnership will allow us to do our work with organizations here in Thailand and stay in Chiang Mai long term. Before this we were on student visas and could not work in Thailand. We were able to get projects out of the country but with Lorilee's health it is will be good to have work in country and have less travel.

In July we left the country to get the right visa that would allow us to get a work permit. When we returned, the labor dept stopped issuing work permits ... Fast forward 3 months and on Tuesday Oct. 2 we received our work permit and new visas at 5:15pm on the day our old visas were set to expire.

Just one more big miracle to add to our growing collection that have allowed us to be here.

Why are we here?

We are here, now, in Thailand because we know this is where we are supposed to be for this season. We have seen incredible impact as a result of our work. Everywhere we look we see ways to expand what we are doing and have more of an impact on the way human beings, God's children are seen and valued. We have opportunities to help organizations communicate better, to teach those organizations and individuals how to communicate in ways that are effective and honoring of people.

Even though we keep hitting roadblocks, God is still providing solutions. Each solution is confirmation that we are where we are supposed to be.

Over the course of this year a couple of our financial partners have had situations come up that prevented them from continuing their donations to our work. In addition to that our costs to maintain visas and get our work permit have been higher than expected this year.

Would you prayerfully consider becoming a financial partner of Sharing Dots?
Would you consider making a monthly commitment of \$100? or an amount that is significant to you?

Every donation is valuable and is making a difference to the organizations we are working with.

I (Bryon) would be happy to set up a Skype meeting to answer any questions you might have.

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Praises:

1. We have work permits and visas!!!!
2. Lily has been able to join in the work of Sharing Dots. She is currently in the process of completing a website for a local cat rescue center and will be volunteering with them to help with administration tasks, web communications and marketing
3. I am settled in and have a good functional work space at the foundation we are partnering with.
4. We have a good community of friends and a good church here in Chiang Mai.

Requests:

1. Lorilee's continued recovery. That she will have the ability to find peace and rest in the discomfort of illness and she can maintain and increase her energy levels.

2. That God will lead us to the right people in our search for financial and prayer partners.
3. That Lorilee will have the energy to continue teaching the kids school over the next few months.
4. That we will be led to the right connections and the right projects for us to do. And that these project will have an impact for the people we are serving.

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

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