

Rose Loves Thailand



Touring the beautiful temples and old monuments of Ayutthaya, Thailand.

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From flooding to backpacking, homesickness to sharing the gospel.

This past month has certainly been both the most rewarding and the most difficult since coming to Thailand. I've developed new friendships, had rewarding experiences teaching, been able to share the gospel in some very unexpected ways and have been able to travel to some beautiful places in Thailand.

One of the most exciting things is that friends that started as acquaintances have developed into much deeper relationships. I'm really starting to create lasting

relationships with some of the Thai women here and have had some incredible conversations that have led to really sharing my heart and the gospel. One thing you must understand about Thai's is that they don't share their emotions. It is just not 'proper'. Even to the point that they won't open up a gift in front of the person that gave it to them, because you're not supposed to show if they 'liked it' or not. I have mistakenly overlooked this cultural trend several times, but luckily my friends are very understand to my foreign tendencies.

Thailand is still in the rainy season and some of the small provinces have been greatly affected by flooding. Schools have been closed down, houses destroyed, railroad tracks washed

away and more. However I am amazed how people just continue on! They cannot stop for a moment and question what to do next, because every day is a day that work must get done (otherwise, for some of these families, who knows how they'll eat the next day!)

Although the homesickness has started to settle in on more occasions than less, God is good and has given me friends that truly are like family. Thai people are amazingly kind and sweet. I cannot express how blessed I am!

But enjoy some stories and experiences from the past month as I continue learning and growing as I share the gospel with the people of Thailand.

-Rosey



I have officially had my first LONE backpacking experience. Traveling over ten hours north of Bangkok to Pai, this past month. I taught myself to drive a motorbike on the opposite side of the road & hiked some beautiful mountainsides!

How to live in a foreign country 101:

PRAY

The BSC offers a Friday program that's main purpose is to get to know students to eventually share the gospel. For those of you that know me, you might know that I like to have a clear vision of the future, and currently God is teaching me a lot about trusting him to reveal my future plans in his time. I know, I've only been in Thailand four months, and I'm already getting anxious about what's next! But this past Friday I was having a particularly anxious day and God reminded me that this is his time to use me! It was pretty incredible actually. I was sitting next to two girls at the Frida program and they asked me the meaning of a praise song we were singing. I don't know how it happened, but I just started sharing the gospel with them. At the time I just kept thinking how can I be an affective missionary when sometimes I have such little trust or faith in God's plan. But God reminded me that I have already made a huge leap, I have committed this year to gain souls for him, and is WILL use me. Please pray for opportunities like this for me to share and for the two girls that I did share with. The one girl Prang, is in my Thursday night classes for the next three weeks, so especially for another opportunity to speak to her about the love of God!



Ayutthaya, Thailand

Thanks to the awesome staff at the BSC, I was fortunate enough not to get scheduled to teach on Saturday's this term, and therefore I've been taking advantage of my free Saturday's by traveling and spending time with my Thai friends. The second week of September I able to visit the old capital of Thailand, Ayutthaya with my good friend Kik. We left at 6:30am Saturday morning, traveled about an hour and a half outside of Bangkok for \$2 in a mini bus and arrived in Ayutthaya before the heat of the day was upon us. We rented two bikes for only \$1.30 each and spent from 9am to 4pm biking all over the city and seeing some incredible sites! It was an incredible experience seeing another beautiful side of Thailand as well as sharing the day with Kik. She is such an encouragement to me spiritually and a good friend who especially loves taking photos! I joked that the reason I took her was so that I could have a photographer, but I definitely wouldn't have had as much fun without her. I was the navigator for our little adventure and surprisingly never got lost (this was preparation for the biking trip we're planning to Chiang Ria in February!) But we make a good team for traveling and accountability.

Prayer Requests and Praise

Requests:

*That God would continue to develop me into a woman confident in sharing the gospel both in and out of the classroom.

*That I would be able to develop a more definite routine but also be able to have flexibility when needed.

*The Thai language would come naturally to me.

*God would give me a healthy amount of homesickness but not allow it to affect my character or testimony.

*Please pray for a calm of the anxiety that worries my mind as I think about the next step and a clear vision as well as God's timing on graduate school or future missions work.

Praise:

*I have been praying that God would lead me to a church where I would be filled with his spirit, and this past month I finally found a church to worship at where I truly feel at home.

*I have become so much more comfortable sharing the gospel and

talking about my faith inside the classroom. Even if it's something as simple as saying that I 'prayed' about something or talking about how the Lord has blessed me in certain ways.

*My good friend Dani made it make safely & two brothers arrived at the beginning of the month around my age. We have started a prayer group before class each day and I am blessed by the new found accountability we have in one another.

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Enjoy the adventure!

1. Group of Christian girls that I've gotten to know quite well praying together before we partake in a wonderful meal during a weekend Chom Buri, Thailand!
2. Eating seafood in Hua Hin, on one of many adventures. Yes, I did eat that gigantic prawn!
3. One of the beautiful ruins in Ayutthaya, Thailand. Taken on a day trip to the old capital city of Thailand.
4. Zip-lining in the jungle of Chiang Mai, Thailand during a holiday between terms IV and V.

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