

The SEARLES in THAILAND

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Abigail

Last year about this time, our Abigail a police officer, was injured on her job. As a result she has memory loss, can't drive, lost almost 40 lbs., blacks out, throws up, Has problems with balance and basically sees 1 dimension. She's been in therapy up to 6 weeks ago and through the process we've learned a few things. Workman's Comp has given some of her doctors problems ignoring requests for tests. Her prognosis is unclear.

Ben

While Maureen had to be here, she applied for Ben's naturalization papers. It is suppose to take about 6 months. Though we have a green card and SS card for Ben, we are still waiting on the naturalization papers. We've also applied for a passport. We were told that should arrive in 6 weeks. It's been almost 3 months. Maureen and Ben have been in the States without Tim since August 12. Ben is in school and doing well, but it is still hard without us being together. The plan WAS for Maureen and Ben to return in January. As dates were approaching we double checked the only suitable school for Ben. January was 6 weeks from the end of a school year, and the school was full. May, would be the only possible entry date. It looked like we would be separated for a full year.

My visa was due Nov. 12 as was my work permit. Via Express Mail, I sent a notice to work permit which had to arrive there before the 12th. Three weeks later, it still had not arrived. We heard rumors that people who could not renew their visas on time were being fined. We couldn't afford a fine. We've tried for years to get our visa dates changed to a reasonable date for schooling. Taking everything into account, I came back to the States and will return in May with a visa that is compatible with Bens' school and we will not be apart for a year.

While I am here I need meetings. I need to raise an additional \$1000 a month. We have two families in their 90's that make up 25% of our support. We have been in Thailand 32 years and by the grace of God are more productive than we have ever been. We need help staying.

I am presently looking on craigslist.org for a SMALL RV possibly a Toyota hoping to facilitate raising support.

The church in Thailand continues to thrive. Via video file, video projector and a program that allows large files to be transfer, I am able to preach and stay in contact our church there. Please help us to finish what the Lord has started and to go on to other areas that need the Lord. I need prayer, I need references, and as the Lord sees fit accommodation along the road.

Obviously are very grateful for your sacrifice. It is not in vane! In the Paddy
Tim, Maureen and Ben