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Saying 'No' to the Good

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Ian has thoroughly enjoyed all of his adventures in Thailand, but he is looking forward to his Discipleship Training School in South Africa.

Dear Family and Friends,

Opportunities Abound:

Since we last wrote, Todd preached once at **Safari Church** (where the family

attends) and once in a **Thai church** with a translator. He was encouraged to get positive feedback from both services. The Thai church has also expressed interest in his coming to preach again. He is applying to for **licensure in WA state** as one of his supervisors at Cornerstone has her licensure there. Pray that things go smoothly with his application. This will most likely take 3 years to complete. He continues to love his work at **Cornerstone** and has a full schedule seeing clients.

Debbie was thrilled to receive the news that **her proposal to present her research findings** was accepted by a conference in The Hague, Netherlands. In addition, she was **asked to teach an MA-level course** on Intercultural Communication and Conflict Resolution at Colombo Seminary in Sri Lanka. She is also on a **planning committee for a conference on transformative learning** to assist in giving an international perspective to this bi-annual conference. In addition, she is also working closely with a friend in Chiang Mai to **offer training for those working locally to fight human and sex trafficking**. There are close to 70 organizations doing this in Chiang Mai alone with quite varied policies and practices. Her friend is a human rights lawyer and has worked in this area for over 20 years. These invitations have come while **Debbie is also teaching part-time at the German school** to help offset the cost of the tuition.

Pray for Wisdom

Todd and I have to make some bigger decisions regarding what to **say "Yes" to and what to say "No" to**. Some of the opportunities that we both have are quite significant when considering the potential to connect with others and impact the areas of Higher Education, Intercultural Studies, and Theological Education. We are both very thankful to have been able to get the education and training that we have and also want to be wise with what we say "Yes" or "No" to as some of these decisions carry great financial weight. **Pray with us for wisdom** to know what is "best."

Book Recommendation:

Todd and I are both enjoying some time to read things we are interested in (FINALLY!) after having completed our studies. We will occasionally **highlight a book in our newsletters** that one of us is currently reading. The book Todd chose is, [*The Body Keeps the Score*](#). It is written for those who have suffered trauma and discusses how it "literally reshapes both body and brain, compromising sufferers' capacities for pleasure, engagement, self-control, and trust." We have both found this book helpful in processing some challenging situations we have been through and Todd has found it useful for his work with clients with PTSD.

In Him,

Debbie and Todd

Tyler, Ian, Joya, Seth, Mercy, Levi & Gracelyn

P.S. We highlighted Ian's pictures above and below in our picture section. You can follow him on Instagram at [is_kramlich](#) or write him at ian.kramlich@gmail.com to sign up for his newsletter. He is leaving the beginning of January for South Africa.

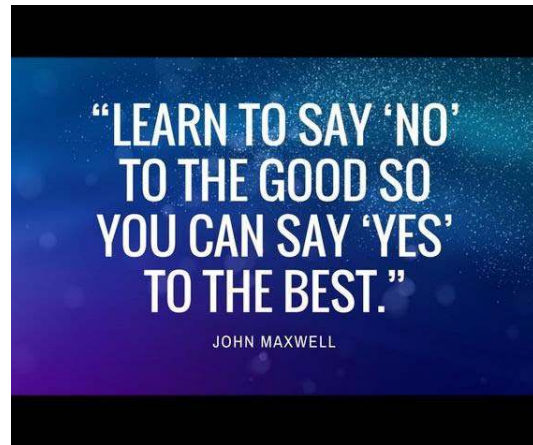
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Debbie serves as an educational consultant to expat families for the educational needs of their children, to theological schools, and to other educational ventures.







Watch this video about Chiang Mai and why it is a strategic place for ministry in Asia.

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