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*No new views to share, so I thought I'd relive some old. I definitely miss my other home.*

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## Settled in.... to some degree.

Well, a bit more than a month has passed since arriving here in Chiang Mai, Thailand. The first few weeks were a bit stretching. Lots of things to try to figure out as I looked at apartments, learned where and how to shop, and also went through the process of getting a sim card and opening a bank account. No lack of bureaucracy here, as in most places. I was very thankful for the help of a super capable Thai lady in navigating this, though I'll admit it was a bit hard keeping up with her at times. There was a lot to try to wrap my head around, and it did feel a bit overwhelming at times. Not only do I need to get use to a new currency and exchange, but also that things are a lot more expensive here. Good thing this wasn't a move back to the US or I'd really be in culture shock.

In the long run, I actually had probably the easiest move of my life, ending up just moving across the hall from the apartment I was staying in. No vehicles or extra hands even needed- wow! The place is very nice, mostly furnished, and with plenty of space so I won't go stir crazy. It is also very quiet both in and out, which I appreciate. My lack of enthusiasm for the high rises we looked at reminded me that I really don't appreciate city living.

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It's been nice to end up in a neighborhood that is full of Meeting places and associated things like a related radio station. It makes for a nice quiet place. Unfortunately since these are all Thai language, I'm not able to take advantage of the closeness.



Not much view from my place, but I did enjoy the interesting cloud show. I definitely do appreciate the lack of pollution, but not the heat and humidity since monsoon has started.

Look close and you'll see the 'signs' of like-minded people right across the street from me.

I have had quite a few opportunities to do on-line meetings with my past place. Managing a board meeting (with BiG MISSION), brainstorming and working on plans for reaching out to wives of C.P.s in rural areas, meeting together for the first time for introductions and time of sharing, finance related consulting with some org. people, and also the monthly time with co-workers. I'm thankful that it shows that at least it can be done, and have been working on updating my Zoom skills, in hopes there will be more opportunities.

Desk work has been at a high during this time. Good thing I turned down several places that didn't even have a table to work at. I'm taking advantage to keep up with my nursing continuing education and working on a couple other projects I had put off. Unfortunately, I have still had times where the sinus/respiratory stuff has kicked up. It has slowed me down some. That, the heat, the lack of language, and all the newness had kept from venturing out a lot, but I'm trying to figure it out. A contact that I thought I had fell through in helping to meet up with the nationals I was hoping to find. But, another newly met person is going to be taking me to meet some tomorrow, so hopefully I can start making some new friends and finding new opportunities. You can be asking for leading and divine appointments. There evidently is no gathering yet happening here, so I don't know how many like-minded people I will find.

I have visited one of the area English speaking Meetings, but haven't really found much opportunity to get to know anyone. I think I will try one or two other ones, to see if there is something that is a better fit. Please be asking for a good situation I can be a part of while I'm here.



One unexpected opportunity was being able to attend a Chaplain Training. It was especially interesting because of the diversity of people attending. Two shepherds from my other country also came, so it was fun to brainstorm with them as they look at how something like this could be used to better support the rather extensive group of workers in their group.

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