



# Brennecke Journal

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Serving with Baptist Mid-Missions

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Dear Friends:

After a weekend during which we raked leaves and “put the garden to bed for winter,” a verse comes to mind that speaks to me of the passing of seasons: *“The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved.”* Jeremiah 8:20. It’s important to “redeem the time”, isn’t it? It’s just too easy to allow the routines of life to lull us into a sense of complacency. I find that, for our family, our lives fall naturally into a pattern, and it is always helpful to stop and ask, “Am I doing what the Lord would have me do today?” Thankfully, there are other markers that, by the Lord’s design, remind us of the passing of time and the brevity of life. Falling leaves. The first snowfall. Birthdays. We need to be serving the Lord today!

Since we last wrote, I have been on one trip to the Orient; several new candidates have been through their doctrinal examination with the General Council and have started deputation; we have enjoyed another BMM Annual Conference; the 2009 candidate seminar has been held; and another missionary family has completed deputation and entered their first term of service in one of our Asian fields (the Carlyle family in Cambodia).

In addition, our family has traveled back to Iowa for two different rounds of reporting to our supporting churches. We attended and spoke at a mission conference in Kokomo, Indiana, and enjoyed the fellowship there. As we go on in ministry, we are keenly aware that we continue to work in this capacity only with the commitment of our wonderful supporters – people like you! Thank you for your support and encouragement in these days. While we would be overjoyed to announce that the work was completed, in reality much of the Great Commission remains undone.

## CREATIVE ACCESS NATIONS

*“Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.” “...ye shall be witnesses unto me, both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria,*

*and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” “Go ye therefore and teach all nations....” (Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8, Matthew 28:19).*

The good news of the gospel is good news for all the people of every nation – even those nations that outlaw Christianity and oppose our beliefs. The word of God makes it abundantly clear that our faith is not merely a matter of cultural preference – it is the only way of salvation offered to man. We need to be equipped and prepared to bring the message of salvation to those living in difficult-to-enter nations. With our most recent meeting of the General Council, Baptist Mid-Missions has now adopted policies for our work in these nations. These new policies for Creative Access Nations will help us as we step forward into the future.

### **OASIS 2010 UPDATE!**

More than seventy of us will gather together in Chiang Mai, Thailand on February 1, 2010! We are thrilled with the way that the Lord is bringing this enrichment conference together. We are encouraged by the response of our churches and of individuals who have contributed to this endeavor. Your efforts will provide housing for all attendees at the conference! I can tell you in advance that this will be a huge blessing to the members of the mission family who live on the other side of the planet! They will not forget your kindness...nor will we.

### **UPCOMING TRAVELS**

The task for my November-December trip to Thailand is to formally organize the field by drafting and adopting a constitution that will serve as a foundation for future ministry in that nation. I will meet with all of the members of the field and help them structure their ministry team for the future. I will also be finalizing arrangements for the OASIS conference while I'm there, then stopping in Hong Kong for the Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong churches before returning home.

Please pray for the Lord's protection and for wisdom during the days ahead.

Thankful for each of you,

The Brenneckes  
Steve, Kim and the Kids