

# Electronic JOLLY Treatment



**JOLLY** *vt* [*<* earlier *jot*, to *jog*] 1. to shake up or jar, as with a bumpy ride 2. to shock or surprise *vi* To move along in a bumpy manner *n* 1. a sudden jerk, bump, etc. 2. a shock or surprise 3. A stimulating reminder about our ministry in Muslim South-east Asia. *joltingly adv* *jollity*

June 2019

## MOVEMENTS

### JUNE

- 3-6:** In Singapore attending a mission research consultation.  
**7:** N begins 2-month school holiday.  
**10-11:** C in Bangkok.  
**13:** M arrives in Thailand for just under a month!  
**17:** C in Bangkok  
**17-22:** Sandra in Singapore.  
**19-20:** C in KL.  
**30:** Setting up exhibition at conference in BGK

### PRaise

1. That Nathan is on track to successfully complete another academic year.
2. That Michaela has had good first semester in NZ, and will be with us here 1-month. Yipee!
3. That for most of May, most of us were at home.
4. That Sandra has been able to switch to a stable visa option

### PRAYER

1. For Nathan over his 2-month school break.
2. For quality family time while Michaela is in Thailand.
3. For Chris as he presents for all the events between early June, and the beginning of July.
4. For Sandra as she attends her training event in Singapore, and completes all preparations for the annual field conference.

When I (Chris) began writing this newsletter, I could hear the rain falling outside. Everyone here began breathing a collective sigh of relief when the occasional showers became more frequent. Cheap ponchos have begun to appear outside local shops, and we can now sleep without placing a huge bucket of ice in the hot season survival unit (otherwise known as a humidifier). Soon we will begin complaining about not sleeping because of the rain on the tin roof.

The late arrival of the rainy season is not the only thing that didn't go according to plan in the month of May. We *did* manage to spend most of it together at home, but it wasn't the quiet her stay-home month we had hoped for. One of our main priorities has been to do everything that we need to do to help Nathan successfully finishes his year at school. We are pleased to report that all signs are that he will finish well. He begins his two-month break on the 6th. Sandra completed the final step in securing a more stable visa option. We have continued to enjoy offering hospitality and serving in small practical ways to a range of people either living in Chiang Mai, or passing through. This included a New Zealander who has recently relocated here, a member of the New Zealand home Council who was visiting Thailand, a Canadian photographer/videographer (who I was asked to help), and a one-year old whose parents appreciate help from "Aunty Sandra". We love contributing strategically, but we also love serving practically. "Head in the clouds. Feet in the kitchen". Might be another candidate for a viral (or is a bacterial) online social media phenomenon. Not sure whether we place a @ or # in front of this.

June is going to be busy. We confess being slightly disappointed that we won't all be together hundred percent of the time, while Michaela is with us. She arrives just under 2 years since she was last in Chiang Mai. Really looking forward to all been here together, again! We are delighted that she has only one more piece of work to submit before she comes. You will notice that one of our prayer points as for quality time as a family over this month. I will be in Singapore for just under a week, at the beginning of the month, and Sandra will be there for a week in the middle of the month. I am one of the respondents to a paper presented at a mission research symposium in Singapore. On June 10, I'll be in Bangkok for 2 days for a one-day symposium hosted by our institution. As one of the main organisers, and will be playing host, but also contributing some comments at the end of the day. Someone who will be attending is the young Indonesian man actively exploring working in South Thailand with us. Not surprisingly, he has had his ups and downs. Will be good to spend some time with him. I go back to Bangkok on June 17 to present another paper. When in CM over June, I will not only prepare for these event, but for a talk at a big (scary) international conference in Bangkok over July 1-3. Will also exhibit some of my fieldwork photos, and map collection. The thought of doing somethings is worse and actually doing them.

Sandra continues to prepare for our annual field conference that will be held in Chiang Mai, at the end of July. We are pleased to report that after many years of hard work, she has an excellent team of people working with her. This will be the last year that she serves in this way (more about that in the coming months). June is also the time of year where amongst the expatriate community there are lots of goodbyes. There are a few people who we will sorely miss. In June 2020, it will be us that people will be saying goodbye to. Thanks so much for your prayers and support!