

Scott here reporting what we've done, are doing, hope to do, and a to-do for you.

#### Done

- √ Vacation – Ahhhhhhh... 7 weeks refreshing, LOTS of time outdoors, camped, bailed hay, trampolined, hugged kittens, swam. Loads of family visiting. Someone said there was a heat wave in the USA. We didn't notice.
- √ Returned - Back in Bangkok midnight August 29. Found desktop computer unresponsive. Neighbor helped, perfect time to upgrade to wireless. Loving it.
- √ Jetlag – 1 week recovery, ugh, at least for me, despite melatonin.
- √ Adopted – a kitten that is, for Krista. Our third cat. This one to replace the beautiful orange tabby that sadly disappeared in May.
- √ Oriented – a week getting to know new teachers and reacquainting with returning teachers. Renewed our adoration of God through the excitement of a robust Gospel. Began our **year-long, school-wide thrust on Biblical integration.**
- √ Retreated – August 5-7 with 10 middle school student leaders of International Community School (ICS). Hilarious, adventurous, bonding.

#### Doing

- Piano lessons – for daughters by video, with Grampa Roger. New media for him and us, but worth the experiment. An exceptionally gifted piano teacher, his students win awards, but it doesn't matter. They play for joy and the glory of God.
- Reaping – Stranger at Evangelical Church of Bangkok (ECB) says, “You preached about forgiveness 2 years ago.” It made him realize the need to forgive his father. After a year of counseling, he looks forward to starting his own family.
- Reorienting – to **ECB elder responsibilities**. Reading lots of emails I ignored over the summer. Getting ready for Monday's meeting and beyond.
- Beginning – school. “Are you sad that vacation is over?” Alizabeth answered jumping up and down, “No, I'm excited to go to ICS this year and use my new lunchbox” She entered ICS as a new 3<sup>rd</sup> grader in Mrs. Robin's class and loved her first three days. Krista is excited, too, about her new beginning in 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

#### To do

- **Plan** – a year of curriculum development. Reasonably pacing it challenges me.
- **Train** – my new part-time secretary to help me **be a positive director of curriculum and instruction at ICS.**
- Celebrate – our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Wednesday, August 17. I'm taking Christine to...sorry, she's going to proofread this letter. Ask us later. ☺
- Celebrate – Alizabeth's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 29<sup>th</sup>.
- **Retreat** – **with ICS faculty and staff, September 1-2. Dr. Cheryl Fawcett**, a positive influence on me since childhood, will **encourage our ICS people.**
- **Purchase** – **a big car.** Urgency is less because friends on an extended leave loaned us theirs. However, we would gladly give up the car to **have them back.**

#### To do for you

- Thank God with us for underlined items above.
- Ask God along with us for His blessing on the bold print items above.

