

# Meet the Tebow Homeschool in Mukdahan, Thailand

Sawatdee Khrup! (Hello in Thai)  
My name is Zach, I am *the* 5<sup>th</sup> grade class in our homeschool. My mom teaches me and my two younger sisters. We live in Thailand because my Dad works with minority languages in Thailand and the surrounding area. We have lived in Thailand for four years, but we just moved to this city last fall.



We do most of our school in this room.

The city of Mukdahan is a small city on the Thai-Lao border. Because a road passes through Mukdahan connecting Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand, this is an ethnically diverse area and many people have migrated here over many years due to political situations. Most people speak Thai and Lao, and often another language.

The Northeastern (or Issan) area of Thailand is largely agricultural. The most important crop is rice. They grow a couple varieties of rice as well as sugar cane. The rice is grown in small paddies during rainy season. (And they eat a lot of rice!)



My sisters, my dog and I outside our home/school.



During rainy season it gets very wet and the people can plant their rice fields by hand, it is dirty and hard on the back! Most places around here plant rice once a year but some places have irrigation from man-made dams and they can plant two crops per year.



There are three seasons in Thailand. The rainy season is approximately from July to September. Then the cool season begins. We like cool season because the weather is really nice; but the Thai people think it is too cold. The hot season starts around early March and it goes to June. It hardly rains except when it is rainy season so things get pretty dry and brown.

Most people in Thailand are Buddhist. We see many temples and monks wearing orange robes . Every morning they walk around and collect gifts of food from the people. People believe giving food to the monks makes merit which will help them have a better life in the future. They do many things to get merit like burn incense and put out food for the spirits.



This is a view from the Thailand shore looking across the Mekong at the city of Savanaket, Laos



King Bhumibol Adulyadej

Thailand has a king who is well loved by everyone in Thailand. He has reigned for more than sixty years. We see pictures of him everywhere; on roadside signs, outside offices, in houses, and

on the money. Thailand also has a prime minister and you may have heard news of our rapidly changing prime ministers. We have had several in the past two years.



This picture shows us celebrating the Thai New Year (in April 2008). It is celebrated by 3 days of water throwing. You can't expect to be out and about on those days without getting soaked!

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