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Thailand Exchange

FMH is in its third year of participating in an exchange student program. Lukman Yamaku, our current exchange student, arrived at FMH last August. Read about Luke's experiences here!

What inspired you to come to the U.S.?

First of all, NBA basketball. I've always wanted to come watch a real NBA game at the stadium; it is really famous in Thailand. And next is snow - I've never seen real snow in my life before because we don't have any of it in Thailand. And last, culture and education - I wanted to know how it's different from my country.

What is something you want to study in the U.S. sometime?

To be a pilot; I've heard that they have a really good pilot program in the U.S.

Tell me about your hometown. If someone here from school came to visit you, where would you take us?

I live in a small city called Narathiwat. It's in the southern part of Thailand. We have really beautiful beaches on both the east and west sides, and mountains, and waterfalls. That would be awesome if someone came to visit! I would bring you to my school. We have about 4,000 people; that would be a surprise for you. And of course the beach and all the restaurants in my town. We have really good food, and the price is pretty cheap. You can have a lunch for a dollar!

Tell me about your family.

I have one younger brother. He's about 13, and I'm the oldest. I always fight with him. I love my parents. They always supported me. They are really great life teachers. I really can't imagine my life without them.

What are some differences you've noticed between our culture and the culture in Thailand?

There are a lot of differences, like wearing shoes inside the house or bedroom, and the driver seat is on the left instead of the right.

What is one of your favorite American foods?

Philly Cheese steaks.



What are some of your plans when you go back to Thailand?

I will go eat all Thai food because I miss it so bad.

What will you miss about our community when you leave?

Of course school. I love the atmosphere of this school. I have a lot of fun here, and everyone is really nice.

What was your favorite class here, and why?

Art. It's the class that not stressed at all. I don't have to think about anything when I'm drawing. It feels calm, relaxed, and fun at the same time.

What is one of your favorite memories from your stay in the U.S.?

It's in the first month when my freshmen class went to hang out with the senior class at CJ's house. At night, we decided to play a game, and I and the others were hiding in the barn, and the others found out, so we have to run, and it's dark in there, I can't see anything, and suddenly I feel like I'm floating or something, and then my back touched the ground. It was really hurt, and I couldn't breathe at first. Yes, I fell down the hay hole. I rested for a while, then I went back and played. It was fun.

Interview by Lindsey Stoltzfus, Staff Writer

Navigating 9th Grade

FMH is currently accepting student applications! Since many applicants are brand-new to the high school scene, we asked the current freshman class what it takes to be successful in high school.

First, being intentional about finishing your homework on time has a big influence on being successful academically.

Courtney Garman suggested, "Be organized and thorough," and fellow freshman Josh Lapp agreed, "Study and stay organized so you know where everything is." Mr. Stauffer gave some other tips: "Have a strong desire to learn, and put academics ahead of social life and sports. Pay attention in class and don't procrastinate."

Another way to be successful is to be organized.

Being organized is proven to brighten your mood and keep you less stressed. Many of the freshmen pointed out that having a three-ringed binder and keeping your papers together and organized can help you out. As Katie Fisher said, "Be sure to be clean and tidy. It always gives you a better light on life and makes things organized and happy." Miss Swartzentruber suggested, "Use your planner! Responsible students don't rely on their one 'smart friend' to know what homework was assigned."

Success in high school also means being a good friend.

Mr. Stauffer suggested "Use your words to speak life. Avoid drama and gossip." Another way is to talk to new people, like Joseph Stoltzfus said, "Step outside your comfort zone." People love to be around friendly and happy people, as Annalisa Esh said, "Be friendly and kind." Soon, you might just find yourself starting to thrive socially.

Finally, to be successful at FMH, you must be successful spiritually.

Having a good relationship with God will affect the friends you have, your attitude, and even your academics. Trevor King and Matt Stoltzfus suggested having devotions and reading the Bible. Maintaining a strong personal devotional life is a good way to strengthen your spiritual life, as Mr. Martin said: "Harness a personal devotional life. And be discerning in your use of mass media."

We look forward to meeting next year's freshmen class!

Linda Stoltzfus & Ashley Zook, Staff Writers

Students Speak Out

If you could ask your parents for anything other than money, what would it be?



Jasmin Stoltzfus
Freshman

A nice chair for my bedroom.



Tyler Kauffman
Sophomore

A big house and a lot of land in Montana.



Kelvin Stauffer
Senior

150 acres of hunting land in Iowa.



Analisa Esh
Freshman

A trip around the world.



Brianna Sensenig
Junior

A new car.

Upperclassmen Attend REACH

On March 22, the FMH juniors and seniors attended REACH convention at Calvary Church. Organized by Faith Builders, REACH helps non-profit ministries to connect with individuals who want to know more about those ministries. It is an opportunity to see many different mission outreaches and mission opportunities. This year there were about 40 missions that had tables set up giving information about their ministries. At REACH, there are also sessions and workshops that have inspiring speakers, where you can be challenged, convicted, and inspired. I interviewed a few juniors and seniors about their experience.

What is one new thing that you learned at REACH?

Maria King: One thing that stuck out to me was the phrase, “How many sermons did you hear before you were saved?” It is a reminder that you do not usually save people right away unless the Holy Spirit was already working in their life.

Barbara Glick: I really liked Rick Rhodes session “Taking Light to Darkness” because as Christians we are the light of the world, and God calls us to take that light into the darkness.

Elmer Stoltzfus: When I was listening to Rick Rhodes in the first session, it dawned on me that if we as young people live with God as our common cause, we can do amazing and incredible things for God’s kingdom.

What was one mission opportunity that really struck you as a possibility for you for service in the future and why?

Maria King: i58. I had the opportunity to visit my sister there and see part of what happens there.



Also, refugees are coming there from many different countries and it is a great opportunity to help them and live your life in a way that represents Christ.

Barbara Glick: i58 - I love missions, and I think Greece would be a cool place to go.

Elmer Stoltzfus: Elnora Bible Institute. I have always thought of going to college, and I feel like EBI would be a good place to find roots in God’s Word and to refresh myself and gain stability before I go to college.
by Maria Groff, Assistant Editor

Calendar

May	9-13	Chorale & ET Tour
	16	Spring Concert 7:30 p.m.
	27	No School - Memorial Day
	30	Last Day of School
	31	Graduation 7:00 p.m.
Aug	19	School House Cleaning
	20	Freshmen Testing
	26	First Day of School
Sep	2	No School - Labor Day

Alumni Feature

A 1999 graduate of FMH, Charles Fox currently lives in Denver, PA, with his family. He is Vice President of Sales and Marketing at Paradise Energy Solutions. This means he is responsible for everything related to sales and marketing within the company. He also serves as pastor at Oasis Mennonite Fellowship in New Holland, PA. Charles describes the value and impact of his time at



FMH in this way: “I valued the teacher-student relationships and could sense a genuine care beyond the academic. FMH gave me a good foundation for what I believe and why. On the practical side, one class that has had a significant impact on me was Mr. Ressler’s accounting class. Many things I learned in his class I use today.”

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