

A Tribute to Savannah and Levi

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I've been really lucky to know and work with two truly awesome people this past year, Savannah and Levi. I hadn't been in Surat long, when I realized how great these two were. They have been awesome co-workers and good friends. In honor of their awesomeness, here are my top 5 favorite things about this pair.

#5 -- Levi and Savannah have serious Songkran skills. If you ever run into these two around Songkran time, watch out. One of my favorite memories thus far in Thailand is roaming the streets of Chiang Mai with these two during Songkran, dominating everyone in our path and terrorizing with our super soakers.....oh yeah, and taking a kazillion buckets of ice water to the face while zooming around in a tuk-tuk. Songkran just wouldn't have been the same without seeing Levi salute someone before giving them a huge blast of water in the face.



Double trouble.



Relaxing on the train after a fun Songkran festival.

#4 -- These 2 should win some kind of award for welcoming people. When Eric and I first came to Surat and we were still learning our way around, Levi and Savannah were always just a phone call away, ready to help out. Savannah gave me my first motorbike ride in Thailand, and carted me around town until we were able to get our own motorbike. They told us how to get to all the good places to eat, invited us to dinner, and checked in to make sure everything was going okay. And I know we aren't the only ones; I've seen them help new teacher after new teacher in their time here.

#3 -- Levi can take an a-m-a-z-i-n-g photo. If you've seen his photographs, you know this deserves its own spot on the list. If you haven't seen his photos, stop reading this and find one of his photos. Do it.



The photographer in action.

#2 -- They are really genuinely nice. Our first weekend in Surat, they took all the new teachers to Khanom for a fun weekend on the beach. My husband, Eric, and I, along with a few other teachers, had only been in Surat a few days, so we were still getting used to our motorbike. Let's just say we were a teensy bit slow on the motorbike. Ok, we were really slow. When everyone else had arrived in Khanom, and a few of us stragglers were still 30 minutes away, Levi and Savannah came back to get us and show us the way. Sure, they could have just given us directions on the phone, but instead they went out of their way to make sure we were okay and had someone to follow. How awesome is that? They are always doing stuff like that and never complain about it. They are the kind of fun, relaxed people that everyone loves to be around.

#1 -- This duo made awesome Super managers. Seriously, they somehow made everything seem like a piece of cake. As a teacher, they made my job easier by always making sure things were running smoothly. I always knew I could approach them about anything. During training, they were always there to patiently answer all of our new teacher questions. When I started teaching at Thida, they were always around to check in and offer some wisdom about lesson planning and teaching. When I needed a new idea for a game, they were there to brainstorm. When I was having trouble with a class, they both took time out of the schedule to help me and offer advice. They both totally rocked as head teachers and managers, and I have learned a lot from both of them.



All of us enjoying the
Super English Thanksgiving party.

I know Savannah and Levi will definitely be missed around here. When it comes time for me to leave Thailand, I know many of my memories will have these two in them. Cheers to two wonderful co-workers and friends!