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Spiritually Prepared

Church translator in his native city of Bangkok, Thailand, Pornchai Juntratip has achieved much in his life despite losing his sight in his teenage years. Baptized in 1976 at the age of twenty-eight, Brother Juntratip attended the Brigham Young University—Hawaii campus, where he studied English literature. After graduation, he attended Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, [page 57] where he earned his master's degree. He then returned to Thailand. For seven months, Brother Juntratip taught students in his home. Then he was offered a position as a translator for the Church. "I had been praying that I would find employment that would fit my particular circumstances. With the help of tapes, I translate seminary and institute student manuals into Thai," says Brother Juntratip, who with his wife, Kwanjai, and son, Pituporn, are a strength to the Church in Thailand. "By striving to live my life according to the gospel, I have come to know for a certainty that it is true and it is good. —David Mitchell, Salt Lake City, Utah