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Dear Sombat,

I would like to thank you and your family for the pleasant time I spent in your guesthouse a few weeks ago.

Actually I quite enjoyed the stay with you, everything was clean and well managed, and it was nice to relax in the hammock.

Also it was kind of you to ask your uncle to give me massage – of all the times I had massage in Thailand and in Laos, he was absolutely the best, with very soft fingers, and still finding all the sore spots.

Enclosed please find the photo, which your wife took of us during the massage.

As promised I enclose also some Danish coins.

I would say that my trip to Laos was not quite as interesting as was my travel in Thailand. I travelled two days by boat to Luang Prabang, which was an interesting trip, but it was too much of a group with around 50 other tourists. Also in Luang Prabang it was like a tourist attraction, since we did not mix with the locals, who were living quite separate lives. In Thailand it is rather different, as I feel that I was more taking part in their culture. In Laos they were creating a special backpacker-culture, something like Pattaya or Phuket, but much smaller of course.

So I hope to come back to Chiang Khong one day.

Best regards

Søren

