

Some passed, some didn't. The official rainfall for the day was put at 79.8mm, which is heavy but by no means heavy enough to cause the damage that was to follow after it really started coming down around 2pm.

One resident here has a rain gauge in his front garden up near Prabaramee Rd. in Patong. We asked him what his gauge read as we thought the official figure was a touch low.

He told us he recorded 360mm of rain for the day. That's around 14 inches of rain in the old parlance, more than enough to create the rivers of mud that flowed through Patong.

Wherever you were at 2pm on that day, that's where you generally stayed until about 10pm when the waters started to recede. This writer just happened to be close enough to a well-stocked establishment and decided to wait it out there. There was not much to do apart from watch the water rise, so when I noticed two of the staff in fits of laughter, I asked what the joke was.

Apparently one young lass's father had managed to lose his dentures after a night out drinking with his mates. He was now in

a bit of a predicament because a new set was going to set him back some six thousand baht, money he didn't have. His daughter's farang boyfriend said he wasn't going to cough up the money because it was the old guy's own fault.

Enter the father's best mate and drinking buddy, probably the same one who had helped him lose the dentures in the first place. He said he could help the father out. No, it wouldn't cost 6,000 baht, he could get it done for a mere 600 baht. Not mention of the fact the drinking buddy was no denture maker or dentist, in fact as the young lady explained it, he drove one of those 3-wheeled motorbike taxis for a living.

So off goes the father with his mate to get the new teeth fitted. Meanwhile, Mum didn't know of this new development as she was trying to find ways to raise the money to get the job done properly.

Later that day Dad turns up at the family



Part of the crew from Premium BSP at the Two Black Sheep

home with a big toothy grin on his face flashing off his new chompers. Mum nearly has a fit when she first sees them as they didn't really look very much like teeth. Dad wouldn't say a word about where they came from but over the next couple of days was experiencing real pain every time he tried to eat something.

He eventually broke down and confessed that he had paid 600 baht to his mate who had gone out and fashioned individual teeth from buffalo horn and then superglued the things to Dad's gums. Now there is one thing about superglue, it sticks!



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