## The SEARLES in THAILAND

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The EMS training team has come and gone.

It was an immediate success as an initial outreach. Now we pray for Spiritual success which will take time and continual contact. A huge thank you to all who participated and gave.

Tim and I spent time with Pastor Phil and Karen Sheffield, long, time friends and supporters. We gave them a whirlwind tour of what we do and they spent the last few days with us as we joined Marci and her family on an island. Good and needed fellowship!

A mother named "Bee", and her daughter BungBawn from our church in Nakhon Nayok went to the States. Marci, Heather and Abigail gave them the trip to remember. Washington, DC, Hershey factory, Amish country, New York City, Niagara Falls, but the most impressive? The Ark Encounter! I am so excited to announce a new sister in Christ as BungBawn saw Bible truth in real life. Heather had the soft heart to recognize her spiritual need and know what to say. BunngBawn received this truth for herself. They finished their trip in Arizona to meet up with our Gretchen and her family, go to the Canyon and off to LA...to Disneyland where we met up with Benjamin and then to Hollywood and the Walk of Fame where Ben generously took time to take them.

During this time, I helped Gretchen deliver her #9...and love on all 9 grands. Get big hugs from Sgt. Isaac Searles and from Benjamin! A good trip indeed.

We returned to the Children's Home and immediately visited a small, poor village that had 2 preteen girls. They seem to be good girls who want to go to school and make something of their lives rather than become parents at 14 years old. Lighthouse Home has sent us funds to get these girls the basic necessities and some school clothes. We are grateful and by the look on these girl's faces...they are too. We need a tutor before the next school year as they have not been to school all year. Both just finished 5th grade and one can barely read. One of the Dad's has gone through a Bible correspondence course and is entirely willing for us to teach the girls about our Jesus.

We have a couple of needs. One...a young boy whose Dad was picked up and in jail on drug charges. He is being harassed by relatives. Our one problem is how to get custody even if temporary. Other needs is Thai leadership. We really need men to step up. Another is a very large need. God knows this need so I will only ask for prayer for it.

Thank you so much!

We pray you had a blessed Christmas

Tim & Maureen