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In 1988 or so we went to Nakorn Nayok to start the Nakorn Nayok Baptist Church.

After we had been there for a year or so an older woman named Bah Loon started to come and was saved and Baptized. Over the past 30 years she has been one of our most faithful members. Now, 84 years old and weighs about 80 lb she started to have pain in the gut. We took her to the hospital. With limited testing, the doctors are guessing it's pancreatic cancer.

On the third of July we are taking her to a hospital in Bangkok for further tests. When we know for sure, we need to come up with some kind of plan because she has no one to help her or look after her.

She will probably come up here to Nong Khai so we can take care of her until the last.

It's definitely going to be her gain and my loss. -- I don't think there's anybody that preys for me more than Loon. Amen for Faithful loving people.

It looks like Moss and his wife Song are going to work out as pastor in Nakorn Nayok, They love the people and the people seem to love them. Him living an hour away may cause a problem, we'll just have to see how it goes. It may be that he will start a church in PaChee where he is living now and pastor in Nakorn Nayok at the same time. It would be workable.

The church here in Nong Khai seems to be doing well. Between Butch and myself it's been almost 13 years that there has been a witness. I'm getting the impression that the people are beginning to understand this is not just religion and it's just not theory but God the Creator, Jesus Christ the Savior and the Holy Spirit the indwelling teacher. that are an integral parts of their lives. When we will see numeric growth is entirely up to the Lord.

Our number 7, Benjamin has been in the States for the past four years going to high school. During his senior year he's gotten a scholarship and has been taking college credits. He's doing very well, and we praise God 4 the Woolstrum's who he has been staying with. There is no way he would had the opportunities that the Lord brought his way if it was not for them. This month he'll be graduating and we are happy for him, at the same time it's a bit bittersweet that at least Maureen couldn't go back for the graduation to show him we think it is a big deal. Working the two churches that are far apart, the home and the farm has taken its toll financially. We understand this is God's will, but I confess sometimes the flesh creeps in

(We / I) are considering going back to the States for a short furlough to try and make up some of the financial difference. To do that we would have had to book a significant number of meetings where there is the possibility for support. At the moment it's just a thought. If someone knew of a church that I could contact for a meeting it would be greatly appreciated.

For your prayers and financial support we are very thankful. Thank You!

In the Paddy

Tim, Maureen