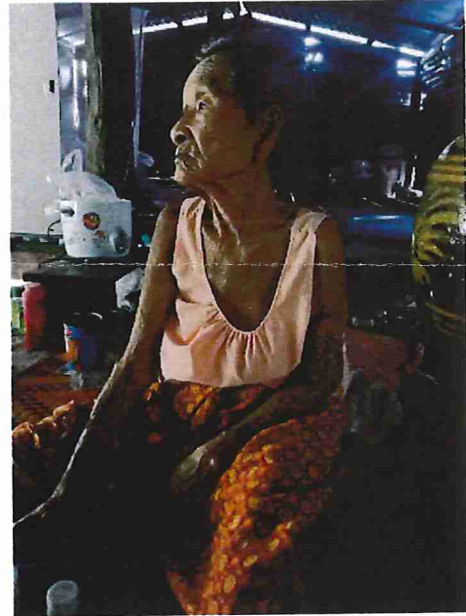


# The SEARLES in THAILAND

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Roon was born 94 years ago in a small village in the forest with no school. In ThaDaan, where her second husband Wan, had a house, they describe her as an angry person. She was once considered wealthy, she soon became poor. Thirty years ago, another of our members told her about the Lord and eventually invited her to church. Tim went to visit her at home and she accepted the Lord. Since then Roon has been living alone in a 3 walled wooden house. The floor joists were eaten by termites, the church fixed it up for her. Wan's adult children refused to take care of their Dad let alone take care of Roon. Her own daughter abandoned her. Last year as her health deteriorated; it was the church family that accepted more and more responsibility for her. This sweet lady is one our own children love dearly. For the past 3 months we have taken countless trips from the Children's Home to Nakhon Nayok. Sometimes to check on her, sometimes to take her to the hospital. She lives in a village where if an elderly person becomes sick, they are slowly starved.. Despite the neighbor being given money to feed Loon, they only gave her plain rice...once a day.



At Roon's latest visit to the hospital they put a stint from her pancreas to the small intestine, we were told that the duct was blocked. The student Doctor told us she had cancer, but the Doctor would not confirm it. We talked to her about coming to live with us so she would be looked after.

A couple of days after her hospital visit, she went to the police station and made a declaration that we would be her legal guardians. She sold the wood that was in her "house", packed her bags and she was set to go. So thankful for our vehicle, she rode comfortably and to our surprise...Ate! She had three containers of yoghurt. We stopped at a hotel and were shocked at her breakfast...she ate every bit. We are trying to keep foods on hand she can eat and will eat. Today, our workers took her to the village roadside stop to eat. She visited a couple of the church members while there. We have a wheelchair, but today she decided not to use it. She came home tired but smiling.

I asked her what her favorite song was that we sing in church. She said she had no favorite but she likes the happy tunes we have set Bible verses to....like Rejoice in the Lord....They that wait upon the Lord.. He favorite Bible verse???? She said "How can I pick just a verse." You see....with no schooling, this lady couldn't read....that is until her salvation. She then taught herself to read so she could read the Bible. So instead of a verse, she chose a whole book....Hebrews. She said it is full of promise and she is looking forward to the land she has never seen. When we check on her in her room she is reading her Bible. When we stop and do business, she is a constant verbal testimony. We find her constantly in prayer and thanking God.

Thank you for making it possible for us to minister in your stead to people and in situations you can't go

Tim & Maureen