

# *The SEARLES in THAILAND*

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Review;

I came back to the States February 4 with the goal of raising support planning to be back in Thailand mid-April. We couldn't find anyone to cover the work so Maureen stayed back in Thailand. It has been six months and the airlines canceled my tickets back twice due to the virus. The Lord has been very kind letting Maureen and myself be in contact at least twice a day. Sometimes the connection is good enough for us to see each other, a blessing but not a hug. Maureen has been looking in on two churches, taking care of the home and making decisions for the farm herself. Needless to say, she was looking forward for me to get back. It was with trepidation that I called her to say that the flights were canceled. It was a blessing when she didn't say something that was negative. She came back with "Oh well! The Lord knew".

I praise God for a wife who is willing to step up and do everything that the Lord needs her to do. Maureen's visa is contingent on my visa, so she should be okay until October when my visa expires. In the meantime, I continue to work as a carpenter here in the States and Maureen continues the ministry in Thailand. With me working, your support goes entirely to Maureen for the ministries there. Thank you for your faithfulness and understanding during this time. I'll send this on to Maureen to add what she sees fit. May the Lord bless each and every one.

Tim

With the virus and government regulations it's easy to do the Lords will. All decisions are made for us. School has just started so the boys have their schedules full. We are going through the book of Daniel for Bible lessons and I teach Sunday school but the people are looking forward to Tim getting back.

Pastor Jeff Pangle from Waterloo Baptist church called Tim and asked about the situation in Thailand. When he learned that old people that were taking care of their grandchildren didn't have money to buy rice, the Lord moved on his heart and the heart of his people to send money for us to be able to distribute two and a half tons of rice. People that don't know who God is are still saying, Praise God! It has opened avenues of interest in our God and Jesus. A couple of weeks ago I was at a supermarket with the boys when a man in military khaki's hugged Glah. Before I could said anything, the man turned to his wife and said that he was from our village and he knew Glah and that we were taking care of him. Then told her of all the many things that we have been doing in clothing and feeding the people up there. We really didn't think anyone had noticed.. His wife was murdered 6 months ago and he told his new wife about me as well as our church members helping during the funeral. --- They really do notice! The Lord is using hardship in the lives of the Thai to break up the "hard ground" for us to be able to be a witness. What is really fun about it is it was not initiated by me but entirely by the Lord

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to do this.  
Maureen & Tim Searles -- In Thailand since 1980