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We are very thankful for the many individuals and churches that have given, prayed, and have been genuinely concerned about Maureen and myself. Our 9-month separation and the uncertainty of what the government of Thailand was going to allow us to do has been very stressful.

We understand that this is a war, complete with 9-month deployment. Wars do tend to be stressful. During Vietnam, the deployment was 1 year and during the 2nd World War, it was for the duration of the conflict. So this is nothing out of the ordinary.

Is there a cause?

To see people saved, lives changed and churches started is definitely worth the stress.

To be able to raise 2 incredible boys for the Lord and to be able to protect Roon, our 94-year young lady, is an opportunity to do something significant for Christ

We have been overwhelmed by the financial support, that to the dollar has taken care of our very substantial needs. My return to Thailand was denied about eight times consequently Maureen was forced to come back to the States. Obviously, after nine months of being separated, we are very happy to see each other.

Tan and Glah, the two boys we look after in Thailand as well as Roon our 94-year young blessing, is being taken care of by the workers who operate the farm. The financial responsibility that we incurred with these individuals as well as rent for two other buildings will continue to be paid by us. We are in contact with the home and our workers daily. We are still working on technical difficulties communicating with the church in Nakorn Nayok and hope to have that ironed out by this coming Sunday.

One thing for sure the Lord was not caught by surprise by the advent of COVID 19 and that He absolutely will bring good out of it. For years I have been telling our members in Thailand to get ready for missionaries not being there. Reality is setting in. I think this will ultimately be a wake-up call for the many churches and believers that have been reached with the Gospel and now they will flourish. That being said I believe we will be allowed to go back but this time to a much more alert body of believers.

For the immediate future, while Maureen gets over jet lag and we get to spend some time together, I will continue to work on a pastor's house here in California. Brother Jung and his wife Sharon have kept me employed so as not to take support from Thailand. Around November we will be in the Phoenix area spending Thanksgiving with the grandchildren. Oh yeah, our kids too. In December we will be in the Cleveland, Ohio area spending Christmas with grandkids and did I mention grandkids. If their parents want to come along too that's okay. With the plan and goal of getting back to Thailand as soon as possible, I will try to book meetings and raise support for a concerted effort to develop Thai leadership.

In Jesus name THANK YOU

Tim & Maureen Searles