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I just got a note from Parker Memorial Baptist Church in Lansing Michigan that I sincerely appreciate. They brought it to my attention that they hadn't gotten a prayer letter since July 2. My initial response was that surely that can't be the case but when I checked they were right. I have a friend that has been doing my prayer letter for maybe 20 years and every other month he has reminded me that I needed to get a letter out. I dropped the ball that I didn't take more responsibility to make sure that I got the letter done. I just sent Doug an apology for throwing all the responsibility on him. I've got a lot of churches and a lot of friends that don't need to be taken for granted, I really am sorry.

Up until two weeks ago I have been in contact with the boys at the home every day except Sundays. We do a lot of memory review, we went through the book of Esther and are about six chapters into Daniel. It has been productive as I talked to the kids about spiritual things to point out Esther's reliance on the Lord and the consequences of the hatred in Haman. It is been very useful to point out Daniel's purposing in his heart and God blessing. It has been effective to point out the way the Lord opened Nebuchadnezzar's eyes and pointing out to the boys that God is really trying to direct their lives. It has been good not having to come down on them for infractions but being able to point out appropriate Bible stories the cover problems they may be having, then they stopped calling. initially I was aggravated and thought that they were not being responsible, come to find out that really wasn't the case, Mow, one of my helpers that looks after the boys questioned me if the Internet had been paid because it had been down many days. I contacted Oat another of my helpers who pays our bills and he gave us the receipts that the bills had been paid, come to find out that the sub office that takes care of our village was shut down, so when the Internet went down the closest office was about an hour and a half away. Let me just say it is very difficult trying to keep a many faceted operation going 12,000 miles away.

Glory!!

November 1 Thailand opened up, at least as far as tourists are concerned. I need to contact Ricky and Tammy Salmon to see what the status is as far as volunteer visas and religious visas are. Hopefully in December or January we will be headed back.

We were able to sell our house in Phoenix which was being rented. We were able to redirect the money into two duplexes in the Cleveland area and one house in Fitzgerald, Georgia which we will set up as an Air B&B. What this will do is #1 give Maureen a security blanket in the case I die, -- in Thailand I hope.
#2 In the case I become incapacitated and have to come home our kids will not be burdened financially.
#3 It may add some to our support when we go back

Thank you for the prayer and financial support

Again I am sorry for prayer letter that was missed

Tim & Maureen