

# *The SEARLES in THAILAND*

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This is a request for prayer.

It is POSSIBLE to get a visa back into the country but it is extremely difficult. It is expensive.

I believe the Lord would still have us to go back.

It is going to take working through the details one at a time. The best we can GUESS is that it will cost \$3000.00.

As I am writing this, we are booking a flight. It's strange that you would have to book and pay for a flight before you actually have a visa but that is what is required.

Today (Jan 21) we are booking a flight and then applying for the visa. If we get the visa on Feb 1st we will then apply for what is called a "Thai Pass", which has to do with requirements concerning Covet. Hopefully I will be back around the 15th of Feb.

Up Date:

Time with our kids and grands has been great. We have enjoyed getting to know them and their heart for the Lord.

The 2 churches in Thailand are hanging in there but just barely. In Nakhon Nayok they can now meet, though another shut down is constantly a threat. In Nong Khai, on the mountain, the boys cannot go to school because of a recent case of Covet. The school Gla goes to is good laying out a plan for the kids to follow when there is a shut down. There is a CHANCE he will be eligible for a King's scholarship to pay for his school. Tan's school is not good at all, consequently he is struggling. When I get back I'm going to try and find a tutor for him.

We were just given another \$2000 to purchase rice for the village in Sangkhom. I think in all our supporters have sent about \$9,000 for rice before the latest gift. Would you please pray that these demonstrations of love and concern that have been demonstrated by our supporting churches will open doors for the people to seriously consider the Gospel. Distributing rice to people that are in need is good, as is delivering water, or taking people to the hospital, but these things are not our real purpose, which is to communicate the Gospel, baptize, teach and start indigenous churches.

This past year we have visited just a few churches with one deciding to partner with us in reaching the Thai. A few years ago we inherited Tim's parents' home and have been renting it out. We decided to sell it and do some re investment to help us towards our needed support. We are still short a couple hundred dollars of monthly support.

Many thank you's have come in for the rice and we thank you personally! We continue to serve to the best of our strength and ability.

Sincerely and Thankfully,

Tim and Maureen Searles