

# *The SEARLES in THAILAND*

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I want to acknowledge my good friend Doug Ritter, who for years has reminded me to get these prayer letters done. It is hard when it does not look like anything is happening. We are consistently praying, witnessing, passing out tracts, and inviting people to come. It just does not seem like we have anything to show for it. Our people are extremely disturbed about this and the Lord seems to be working on the hearts. Causing them to grow closer to Him. John 15.4

When things get hard the Lord lets you have a peek of what has been happening behind the scenes. My wife got a letter from a Thai girl, named Joy, that we tried to reach 25 years ago. She had gotten married and moved to Austria. Joy was excited that after 20 years she found my wife's profile on Facebook and wanted to relate some memories of her childhood. Joy explained that she had few memories. The only good memories were of a missionary family that had reached out to her when as an 8 year old girl. She said that a love that you can see you don't forget. When we brought her to church, she had fun having fellowship with the other kids. She remembered three of my daughters, but especially my son Isaac. She understood that through Christ we were trying to give her the opportunity of a good life. She mentioned that there were some things that she and the other kids didn't like so they pulled back and now she was sorry. She said when she went back home after church every Sunday she was punished but that she still look forward to coming the next week. There was much more to the letter. At this point I don't think she is saved but now after 20 years we get to continue our ministry with her. Gal 6.9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 20 years + is a long season.

Marci, our fourth, husband Thomas, his mother along with our granddaughter, Margaret have been here for the last month or so. They had some medical needs to be taken care of. As well as Marci and Abigail working on their paperwork for an association. It has been fun having them here.

Tan and Glah will be coming from Nong Khai next week. They will be with us the week between Christmas and New Year. I think it is in January when Lighthouse Children's Home will drop support of the two boys. Several of the boy's supporters have indicated that they are going to keep on supporting them. I think we are about \$350 / mo. short of what it will take to keep things operating the way the home is now.

I have not been able to do much work in Nong Khai because of finances. We have needed to spend some time in Nakhon Nayok rebuilding the church, good visas still pending and having dental work done. It is good being back.

In Jesus' name thank you for your prayers, and support,  
Tim & Maureen