

# Grace to Thailand Prayer Letter

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Happy 4<sup>th</sup> of July! God has truly blessed America! You say, "America is a mess!" That may be true, but God has blessed America. The Gospel is still being preached, Bibles are available in every bookstore, and sound churches are scattered across our land. When you live in a country where there are very few Christians, Bibles are rare, and any kind of church is hard to find, you realize how much America has been blessed with Gospel light. Pray for us as we seek by God's grace to shed forth the Gospel light in this dark region of the world!

We have been considering a piece of land for our ministry. It is almost 2/3 cheaper than any other land that we have been able to find anywhere. We have been renting for the past four years where it is difficult for the LaHu and LiSu people to get to us. This land is in the far north near a number of the LaHu and LiSu villages, but also near two fairly large cities where we can get supplies. It would make us far more accessible to the people to whom we are ministering and them to us. We would also be able to have Preachers' Training there and I would not have to leave Susan and the children for that week. We would have room to grow and expand the ministry not only in Thailand, but also to those in Myanmar and maybe in Laos.



The Land We Are Praying About



The Men at Preachers' Training Last Week

I have mentioned in past prayer letters that land here in northern Thailand is about 1 million baht (\$31,000.00) per rai (almost .4 of an acre). The owner of this property has offered us a bargain of about \$11,800 per rai. We would need at least 10 rai right now to have the room we need. Brother Bill Lee, our pastor, and Bro. Ricky Cash are coming over next week to visit us. We are looking forward to their visit and their counsel concerning the land. We are short on the funds we need to be able to get all the land, and then we would need more funds to build. Please pray with us about the Lord's direction and His provision. We certainly just want the Lord's will!

We had a wonderful week of with the preachers last week. We dealt with 1 Corinthians 9 and then a review of Romans 1-5:11 and then on through 5:12-6:23. Pray for these men. Most are pastors, but a number of them are missionaries carrying the Gospel into new unreached villages.

We had the joy of having a young man from the very remote village of Canaan at the training for the first time. We have been praying for a pastor for this church for many years. His name is Jacob.

The children are doing well. They have really come along in their English speaking, reading and writing.

I love and miss America, particularly on days like this! The Lord stirs my heart to pray continually for the Lord's churches in each state and for our country.

May the Lord bless you! For Christ count everything but loss... Bro. paul

P.S.: I will probably be sending out a report later this month concerning direction on the land. Again, please pray for us about this!

## **Financial Report for June, 2018**

### **Regular Support: \$11,733.15**

- 1,200.21 Food (for children and guests)
- 103.14 Ministry to needy
- 208.05 Medical help with medicine
- 635.76 Children's needs
- 545.43 Fuel & Travel, Repair & Maintenance on vehicles
- 173.32 Postage & Office Nds
- 259.88 Children's Medical
- 500.61 Utilities, water, tel & internet (home and office)
- 616.13 Household needs & maintenance
- 205.95 Rent of meeting room and office
- 291.67 Salary for cook
- 571.43 Secretarial
- 224.28 Our medical needs
- 447.01 Rent of living facilities
- 949.37 Interp & Translation Work
- 2,202.44 Preachers' Training
- 1,405.69 Salary for Susan & Me
- 1,094.31 Insurance & retirement fund