

Grace to Thailand Prayer Letter

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“If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed!” (John 8:32). Our Lord is The Great Liberator!

Seventeen years ago the members of a LiSu Baptist Church went through a great trial. Their animist landlord announced that if they continued to claim Christ and go to church they would have to move. They had no money and no place to go. My pastor, Brother Bill Lee, learned of their plight and appealed to our sister churches in America. The churches responded graciously and for a relatively small amount of money about three acres were purchased. The LiSu brethren built homes and have lived there securely since then. Until recently.

A con man (well-known to us) showed up and announced that they must pay rent to him or move. He threatened to have them arrested and sent to prison. When we heard of their plight we brought it before the Lord. We asked for wisdom to see these dear people set free from the genuine fear they had of losing their homes. Last Thursday we traveled up to the area to be with the people and appeal to the authorities. That evening the district chief of the area told them not to be afraid. The land was theirs. They could ignore the troublemaker.

Yes, the Lord used many people, including two lawyers, the vice-governor of the province, the police, the district chief, the pastor of the village, a LiSu pastor from a neighboring village, my faithful co-laborer, A'sha, and us. We thank the Lord for all of them, but the Lord is the One Who set these people free.



Some of the LiSu people gathered with us, along with the legal team who helped them. The pastor is the man on the far left.



Some of our guests last Lord's Day. The LaHu couple from near where we are moving are the 2nd and 3rd seated on the left.

It's not our focus, but it is a privilege to stand up for the Lord's oppressed people. But all around us we have those still in the clutches of Satan, his demonic hosts, and sin. Our cry to the Lord is that He would use us in proclaiming the Gospel of Liberty to see many set free spiritually.

That is why we are preaching with every opportunity and laboring each month with between 30 to 35 men in our Preachers' Training. The fields are white. The doors are open. But we need laborers for the harvest. Pray for these men as we will be gathering next week to help prepare them for this great task.

Also pray for my dear interpreter who has a blocked valve in his heart. He is continuing to labor with me, but at a very weakened pace. Open-heart surgery is scheduled for him in mid-October.

And we need prayer about our new home and our own place for ministry. We put money down on the land, but there are many steps ahead of us before the title is transferred to us. We need wisdom as we navigate the unfamiliar Thai legal system and for planning the building. We are asking the Lord for the right builders, and for the finances we need.

We had an unexpected blessing this past Lord's Day. Several LaHu visitors from a village near the property came to our services. We asked them if there were many LaHu in the area. As they began to count on their fingers and name the villages they went from one hand to another and then back through both hands. There are 20 LaHu villages near the property, most not reached with the Gospel. We were ecstatic. Please pray that we can get there and to work as soon as possible!

Pray for our children. They continue to do well.

As always, we appreciate the prayers and gifts of our faithful co-laborers at home. Thank you for being used of the Lord to keep us here, serving Him. May the Lord bless you! For Christ count everything but loss... Brother paul

Financial Support for July, 2018

Regular Support: \$13,006.48

Land fund: We paid 20% down on the land (\$21,515.00). We still owe about \$87,000.00 (depending on the exchange rate). We then will need the money to drill a well, design and build the buildings. After the payoff amount we have about \$15,000.00 toward these expenses as of today. Thank you again for your sacrificial giving.

Higher Education Fund:

1,167.82	Food (for children and guests)
336.36	Ministry to needy
367.91	Medical help with medicine
223.48	Phone equipment
412.12	Children's & education needs
1,302.39	Fuel & Travel, Repair & Maintenance on vehicles
1,515.15	Legal
493.94	Truck cover and benches for 2 nd Pickup
537.06	Utilities, water, tel & internet
798.46	Household & Office needs & maintenance
205.95	Rent of meeting room and office
291.67	Salary for cook
571.43	Secretarial
886.16	Our medical needs
447.01	Rent of living facilities
949.37	Interp & Translation Work
1,405.69	Salary for Susan & Me
1,094.31	Insurance & retirement fund