

Grace to Thailand Prayer Letter

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"If you had opportunity to speak to the man who has caused us so much trouble over the past seven years, what would you say to him?" I asked Molly. She said, "Thank you!" I said, "Why?" She almost quoted Joseph from Genesis 50:15. She said something to the effect, "He meant it for evil, but God meant it for good." She said, "I would not have been here with you and Grandma as my parents if it had not been for him." It's true. We had no plans for raising foster children, but God had those plans for us. When we saw the abuse and neglect these kids suffered at that man's hand, we did what we had to do. The ones with no place to go became "our children".

What a joy that was for me to hear those words from her! And what a blessing for me to give her away to Moses and perform their wedding ceremony on April 3rd!

We had about 200 people in attendance for this blessed occasion. It included a congregational song and many LaHu specials. It was touching to see the different church groups rise and sing for the wedding. Almost all the congregation took part in one of the five songs. Next, I gave a message and led them in the vows. Afterward we enjoyed a good meal and great fellowship. It was indeed a joyous time! We posted it live on Facebook.

And this is the reason I am a little late in the Prayer Letter for March. It was a busy time!



Preachers who gathered for the March Preachers' Training.



Molly and Moses posing with us after the wedding.



Some who have been coming for our Saturday children's outreach

We had a great Preachers' Training in March with 30 men in attendance. They were so attentive and responsive. As I reported last month, I am teaching lessons on "Words That Describe Salvation." This month we dealt with Justification, Adoption and Propitiation.

Please pray for me and for the interpreter/translator. Often there are not words in their languages to express the meaning of these words. Even worse, sometimes they are mistranslated and I must labor to accurately make these precious truths clear. It has been taking about four class sessions to deal with each of these subjects. But, again, the men have been very responsive in taking notes

on the outlines that I have had translated for them and in answering questions as we examine the many Scriptures on each of these subjects.

The Lord willing, in April we will deal with "Forgiveness," "Calling," and "Christian."

As I reported last month, we are looking forward to the new boys who will be coming soon. Susan will teach an intensive English course for them and for some of her students who live locally. It will be all day for five days a week for three weeks. Then they will have a short break and start in the regular Learning Center schedule. Please pray for this new major project. Also, please pray that her new helper, Hannah Christian, from Cornerstone Baptist Church in Colorado, will be able to get here soon in spite of the difficulties from Covid restrictions.

It's hard to believe that all our original kids, but one, have grown up and flown the nest. Some are in college and some are married. Sadly, some have fallen away. They can't "unhear" the truth they have been taught, though. We pray that they may yet come to the Lord.

Continue to pray for the churches here and in Myanmar. All seem to be doing well even those in Myanmar where there is so much unrest. Do pray for their safety and their continuing outreach with the Gospel. We are keeping in touch and doing what we can to help.

Again, thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to proclaim the glorious Good News to a Buddhist and Animist culture and seek by God's grace to edify the saints. May the Lord bless you! For Christ count everything but loss... Bro. paul

Financial Report for February, 2021

Support: \$12,853.10

Expenses:

1,229.36	Fuel & Travel, Insur, Repair & Maint.	1,075.55	Food (for children and guests)
1,468.41	Misc. Ministry & Medical Needs	417.18	Util, water, tel & internet
556.46	Rent of office & 2 living facilities	458.43	Household
944.09	Children's nds, & Educ & Med	425.53	Helpers
291.67	Salary for cook	990.21	Secretarial
27.89	Office Supplies	905.40	Ministry Equipment
1,178.40	Interp & Translation Work.	2,124.26	Preachers' Training
1,405.69	Salary for Susan & Me	1,094.31	Insurance & retirement fund
654.66	Ministry in Myanmar		