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Dear praying friends,

Tim started this letter before our family got sick with Covid. I am finishing it, with his direction.

We would greatly appreciate your prayers. The kids and I are still recovering after being unwell for 12 days, but we are starting to feel better. However, Tim is not yet recovering, and just yesterday we had a scare regarding his oxygen levels and breathing. I took him to the hospital to be monitored. After observing him and his vitals, they sent him home to rest with instructions on what to watch for should he have another episode. Our team family has been very helpful and caring, and we are getting Tim what he needs so he can start to recover.

Please pray for Brother Sakrapee and Miss Shari as they are now sick, also.

With thanks,

Missy Shook

We are grateful for another year to serve the Lord here. This year will mark our 14th year on the field. In reflection, one thing I am greatly encouraged by is the faithfulness of our church members and their desire to see their own people come to know Christ.

Last month, Missy and Miss Shari House made visits to a few of our members who live in Phetchaburi (a city over an hour north of our church). One of those faithful members is Khun Noi. She told Missy and Miss Shari that every morning she starts her day singing and praying to the Lord, and then, she reads her Bible. She told the ladies that she reads her Bible in the morning, in the afternoon and in the evening. Recently, she learned the song, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" while practicing in the church choir. So, now, every day, as she rides her bike back and forth to work, she sings as loudly as she can, "I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back, no turning back..."

What a joy to hear about our church members rejoicing and encouraging themselves in the Lord!

We have seen an increase in our Thursday soulwinning attendance. That has been exciting to see more folks getting involved in the efforts to reach our city for Christ.

One evening, Brother Sakrapee and I visited a faithful church family in hopes to talk with the father about a specific issue. He wasn't home, but as we were leaving the house, their neighbor walked out of his garage to see what we were doing. We had the wonderful opportunity to give him the Gospel, and he sweetly accepted Jesus.

Missy, Khun Udomluck, and Khun Radt were visiting during our Tuesday canvassing time when they met an older lady who was caring for her bedridden daughter. When Missy gave her the invitation packet, she noticed the lady's beautiful succulent garden. The lady invited them to walk through her garden. As they talked, she shared with them that her husband had died years ago and left her with her two teenage daughters. Years had passed and they had grown up and moved on with lives of their own.

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But, six years ago her health was failing, and one of the daughters moved back home to help her mother. Not long after she had moved back home, the daughter was involved in a motorcycle accident that left her partially paralyzed and unable to walk or function on her own. God allowed these two ladies to hear the hope of the Gospel that afternoon and both trusted in Jesus to be their Savior. Please pray as we go back to visit this family and encourage them with physical and spiritual support.

What a joy it has been to have regular services and be meeting back all together. Just a few weeks ago, there was random covid testing at several of the schools where our church member's children attend. Some of the children tested positive and others were in close contact with those who had become ill. Our church took precautionary measures from the government's suggestion to go back to online meetings for 2 weeks to prevent an outbreak. However, not long after we had our first online service several staff and team members contracted the virus. Our family was hit hard with it as well. I appreciate your prayers as we recover. It is a true blessing to work with such a great team of fellow missionaries who work so well together and can pick up the slack when one of us is not well.

Our fall 2022 furlough schedule is mostly finalized. We have a couple dates which we are waiting on confirmation, but we are thankful for the way God has provided each meeting.

We will be in South Dakota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Nebraska, Louisiana, Arkansas, California, Florida, Kentucky, New Jersey, West Virginia, Georgia, Alabama, and North Carolina. We will travel from mid-August to the beginning of December. As we travel those four months, we will also have time between services with our families and dear friends. Then, we will have about 4 weeks with family in Nebraska for the Christmas holidays.

Your prayers for our travels and all the details of transportation and accommodations, along the way, are greatly appreciated.

Reflection is truly a joyful gift when you give your life to follow Jesus...even the trials seem sweet when you reach the other side of them. I'm reminded of a precious chorus we sang when I was a young boy:

"There is joy in following Jesus,
Every moment of the day;
Every step along life's rugged way, yes, I'll go wherever He leads me,
On the land o'er across the sea;
There's joy in following Jesus, and HE LEADETH ME!"

Your support and prayers for us as we follow where He is leading is what keeps us encouraged.

For Him,
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