



International Ministries

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Dear friends in our Missionary Partnership Network:

In February we had the opportunity to help bring new life to an Akha village through the gift of clean water! In the past, the only solution was to collect rain water in cisterns, a very limited solution as there are five months of almost no rain from November through April! Through the contacts we have made here, and the financial and physical help from American Baptist Churches and a team from Colorado, Huai Nam Khun Village now has running water to each house from a source five kilometers away in the deep jungle. We hope and pray that the gift of this clean water will remind them of the Lord who gives "living water" that will never dry up!

We are blessed to have so many wonderful partners in our ministry who are sacrificially supporting us doing the work God has called us to do in Thailand. We realize these are financially difficult times for all of you and American Baptist International Ministries is also greatly affected by this economic crisis. International Ministries is asking the missionaries to do everything possible to encourage financial gifts toward our support so that we will reach 100% of our goal by September 30th this year.

In light of the financial crisis, International Ministries has regretfully laid off a number of home office staff and the budget is being drastically restructured. IM is very concerned that after September 30, 2009, they may not be able to continue supporting missionaries on the field that have not reached 100% of their support target goal.

If you are currently supporting us through your financial gifts to International Ministries, thank you! For those of you who support us through prayers and letters, thank you, and would you prayerfully consider becoming a regular financial supporter as well? The financial crisis is real, yet the extreme need for ministry here in Thailand has not changed.



The Fox Family
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Between now and June 30 we have a special opportunity to double support gifts from new donors. A group of generous donors has created a Matching Funds grant that will double any new gifts (\$200 to \$2000) to International Ministries toward our support. Enclosed is an informational card on how to make a Matching Funds gift. There is also a "Give Now!" button on our website page (see address below) if you prefer. If you are already a financial supporter, share the enclosed informational card with a friend.

We recognize that you are probably receiving similar appeals from community organizations, your church and your region (if you are an American Baptist). Please continue to support them! God calls people to support different ministries, and blesses them with resources and a giving heart to do so. Just as Paul instructs the people who want to honor God and help others, I Timothy 6:18-19; *"Let them do good, that they may be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up from themselves a good foundation for the time to come that they may hold on to eternal life."*

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