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Psalm 105:1-2 Give thanks to the Lord; proclaim his name; make known his deeds among the peoples. Sing to him; sing praises concerning him; tell of all his wonderful works

Dear Friends at Ridgeview Baptist Church,

I love autumn in America, and I am thankful that I can be in the USA October and November to share about what God is doing in Thailand. While I may not actually be singing (as Psalm 105:2 mentions), I do hope that as I praise and share, you too will join me in thanksgiving for all God is doing!

Let me share a few numbers with you—we now have 6 college graduates from the House of Love (HOL), and I love that they have settled into adulthood with joy! I am excited that at our preschool program, the House of Blessing (HOB), three of our first graduates are now in university! To have these students continuing to reach towards these academic goals is a testament to each one's perseverance, but also to the encouragement and support of our HOB teachers, who remain involved in their lives. Zero is a good number too—that is the number of days of hospitalization our HIV-positive kids have had with HIV-related diseases. Praise God for good health. At the Christian Center for the Development of Persons with Disabilities (CDPD), our income-generation projects are expanding. We have had a coffee shop for a few years, but now we also have chickens and a mushroom project to help with family finances.

A fellow missionary wrote, "Faith challenges me to rethink my view of "good news" and "bad news", because news is just a report about the journey we are walking hand in hand with Jesus." And as I reflected on this, I have to say I agree. I have now marked 33 years of serving as a missionary in Thailand, and I could never have foreseen the journey that God has had me walking. And I have come to realize—while humanly speaking, news and events seem "good" or "bad" but God has eternity in mind! For example, when the decision to close the Baptist hospital in Mae Sariang was made, some may have felt that was "bad news"—but God had a plan to start the CDPD in that facility, which has blessed persons with disabilities beyond anything we could have imagined! Still some news can be harder to accept. While the Bible admonishes us to be thankful in all circumstances, I admit my heart is still working through this one, as our House of Love family grieves the loss of one of our children to an accident. We would appreciate your prayers for all of us at the HOL.

There is more to share, and I hope I will have a chance while I am in the USA, but I did want to close with letting you know I am so grateful for your part in financially and prayerfully supporting the work in Thailand.

Sincerely,

Kim