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Dear Friends and Family,

We trust you are healthy and safe, enjoying the Lord's blessings and the summer months with vacations and family gatherings and barbecues! Thankfully we are experiencing a more quiet and peaceful political atmosphere in Thailand than earlier this year. The country's current leadership seems to have the social disruptions minimized, while the travel agencies are smiling with pleasure as tourism has resumed. The many religious and cultural festivals continue to be popular events along with the multitude of Thai shopping opportunities. By the way, for those of you that may want to consider a northern Thailand trip to visit us, we can guarantee you and/or your family an up-close "elephant" and "tiger" experience unlike anything you will find in the U.S.

Those of us living in northern Thailand are also beginning to experience more moderate weather temperatures as the monsoons have started producing frequent rain showers. Barbara has flowers and things growing in the yard that amaze me. She now has small orchids in wooden lattice containers suspended from tree branches that seem to flourish, even without soil!

Thailand Ministries: Along with the team, we stay busy with outreach activities that extend the reach of the Gospel. The Thai studio/ ministry office construction project has been completed with just a few incidental things remaining to be done. Barbara and I are thankful for your continued prayerful support. Our June quarterly update letter lists many of the ministry specifics including the Laos outreach. We are concerned at this time regarding the results of the recent change (*coup*) of Thai governance that is bringing about many changes such as impending new restrictions on media use and broadcasting.

Barbara continues to teach at a Thai tribal school on Wednesdays. The young (uniformed) children thrive as she shares and demonstrates God's love to them. Her genuineness seems to communicate all that is necessary in feeling accepted and cared for, even though verbal communication is limited. Open arms, outstretched hands and broad smiles of joy say it all. Today I was blessed again with watching and listening to her go through the motions of songs like "God Is So Good" with them. Their fondness was obvious, expressed through their outstretched hands and arms, demonstrating their desire for one last touch until she returns. They are learning as well. ☺



South Asia Update:

As most of you know the greater part of our attention and efforts are now being directed at supporting new and developing ministries in the South Asia countries and areas including Pakistan, Afghanistan, and North India etc. The high power gospel programs which began in March 2014 and broadcast into large parts of these regions have a potential audience of 230 million! The responses from the listeners in these areas who are able to hear in their “heart” or mother tongue languages for the first time have been tremendous! The listener response volume alone has reached two thousand per month, thus causing us to revamp how we respond to them with encouraging and appropriate feedback. The current programs introduce people to the Bible at a very simple level as most are from “oral” audiences or non-literate societies (unable to read).

Praising God! The various technological platforms like radio and the many internet related and mobile options are making it possible for us to extend the Gospel to the many millions of people daily; while also making it possible to go where “on-the-ground” human missionaries are not able to.

The results of a new work having recently been started in Sri Lanka are very encouraging. Some of you already have a greater part in this, and we thank you for your generosity.

Personal: *The roles and responsibilities Barbara and I have seem to always be evolving. The possibility exists that there may be yet more adjustments to our roles in the future since there are many rapidly changing needs and dimensions to the work of speaking God’s Hope in this part of the world. We ask for your prayers in making wise decisions.*

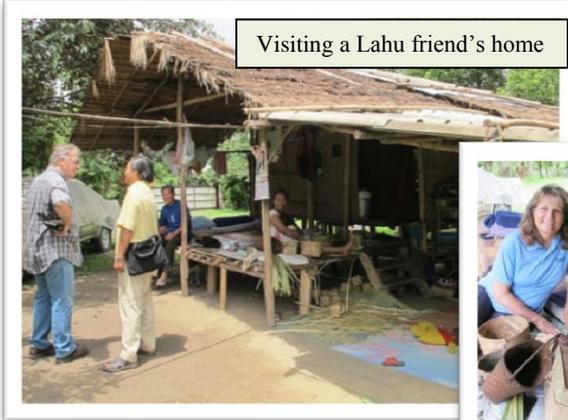
I hope you will be encouraged by these promises of God’s as I am during these times in which we live:

According to God’s sovereign grace He maintains order in human societies (Romans 13:1-5). And by His special sovereign grace He saves, sanctifies and brings the souls of His people to glory (Romans 8:29-30). So may those who are called His people “press on toward the goal” set before us (Philippians 3:14). “Speaking Hope to the World”

We thank the Lord for you,
Larry & Barbara



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