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December 14, 2022 – What a wonderful time of the year to reflect upon the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ! We are doing well and are grateful to be with our home church this Christmas season before returning to Thailand on January 3rd.



Traveling Mercies: We thank the Lord for His mercy and protection over the last month of travels. It was our privilege to meet up with some of Anne's family in Tennessee for a few days, and then spend Thanksgiving week with my family in Texas. Along the way, we connected with 5 supporting churches, 3 missionary families, and several friends that we've not seen in a long time. The kindness and love of family and friends well overcame the long hours on the road.



Timeless Memories: We were on our way home to Pennsylvania when we received word that our close friend and mentor, missionary Tom Gaudet, had gone home to be with Jesus. Brother Tom was a like a spiritual father to both my wife and me, and a true hero in the ministry of world missions. Several years ago, he gave me his toolbox in Thailand. That collection of hand tools has been a constant reminder of so many lessons learned from this man of faith. Although we grieve his absence, we rejoice in the continuing impact of his life. We are just one of many couples committed to publishing and distributing the Word of God "that all the world may know."



Teachable Moments: It has been our joy to once again sit under the solid preaching and teaching of our pastors at LVBC. We thank God for the work that He is doing in and through our home church. Our children have also enjoyed every moment of the children's ministries and fellowship. Please continue to pray for strength and wisdom as we raise our kids to know and love God. There have been a lot of "teachable moments" lately as we try to press forward with homeschooling after several weeks of travel. With that said, Rachel just turned 5 years old on December 12th. She is a real blessing to our family, and is sometimes referred to as our resident librarian, lawyer, and PR manager. It must be the glasses. Rachel loves to help and believes that she can do just about anything in her little body.

Thailand Members: The church members in Thailand are doing well and have been consistent in assembly and outreach. I've been encouraged to hear of their faithfulness and to see photos of those receiving a Gospel witness. We continue to pray for the families of Gu Lin, Gu Khant, and Gu Saw to come to the point of salvation. These three men are co-workers of Luke and John, and have been faithful to receive God's Word. We would also ask your prayers for John and Joanna, as they are expecting their first child in about six months.



Tomorrow's Motivation: We're looking forward to our return to Thailand and the start of a New Year. We have many ideas and plans running through our heads for the advancement of the ministry. Please pray for creativity and wisdom as we press forward with evangelism and discipleship.

Thanks again for your love and care of us! We are so grateful for all the Christmas cards and love offerings received. The Lord continues to meet our every need and to encourage our hearts to trust Him more.

Merry Christmas!

Nat, Anne, Paul, Ellie, Rachel, and Luke Williams