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We have changed our home church

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Normally with a prayer letter it's very difficult finding new things to write about. You can go many months without really seeing any movement. That's not the case with the last three months. For the sake of this letter I'll give it to you in outline form:

After much prayer and fasting God gave us four adult "walk-ins".

Jume 75 not saved, Oy her sister 65 saved, Nute 35 saved, LaLLa Lin 30 not saved,

Even though LaLLa Lin was not saved she was faithful to come the church and be in Maureen's Sunday school class. Salvation was talked about very pointed and after several weeks LaLLa Lin was saved and baptized with her boyfriend Nute. The apprentice pastors' son Mak and his daughter Mi were saved at home and were baptized with Nute and LaLLa Lin. Four baptisms!

Oat, a long-time member was living with a woman named Moy. Let me say that "shacking up" is the norm, there does not seem to be a social taboo against it. Again, with Maureen's direct approach the discrepancy was lovingly pointed out and Moy blurted out that she didn't want to live like that anymore. LaLLa Lin chimed in that she didn't either. Last week we had a double wedding!

Jume, one of the four "walk-ins", was sweet and pleasant and although not saved would listen intently. In one of our conversations, she had mentioned to me that she had lost about 40 pounds in six months. within six weeks she died of cancer but before she died, she made a profession of faith. Bow, a longtime member whose mother I had witnessed to many times was put in the hospital and just before she died, accepted the Lord. Five salvations!

Noy, a troubled member who had accepted the Lord many years ago also died. Three deaths – five saved – four baptisms – one double wedding.

Wat's bed sores are getting better. A big thanks to my oldest daughter, and 2 of our grandchildren coming for a 1-month visit. We were praying for a physical therapist for Wat. We were expecting our Grandson Emmanuel, but Emmanuel, his mother Heather our eldest daughter, and Francesca a granddaughter got off the plane. It was a BIG surprise. Heather worked as a message therapist and in a nursing home where she had experience working on bed sores, an absolute perfect fit! Two bed sores completely closed, and two are getting better. I pray with Wat every day when I go to clean his wounds and change his dressings. He is congenial, and friendly but passive concerning spiritual things. The place where I have to be careful is, he will do anything I ask him to do include praying a prayer, if I could get him into water he would be "baptized", but it would have absolutely no meaning. I believe he will be saved. There have been too many "God moments" bringing us to where we are now. Please, pray Wat develops a spiritual interest.

The kids in NongKhai are doing well, They both need to get to the dentist and I need to get up there more often. I'm trying to find something that the kids can be successful at and be financially theirs. Maybe we can get things going with a garden. I'm not a farmer but last month I wasn't a nurse either. 1Cor 9.22 – may fit.

Thank you for your prayers and support, May the Lord Bless Tim & Maureen