

The SEARLES in THAILAND

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We have been in the Sstates since end of Feb. What a journey! Received 6 month visa and immediately came to fulfill meeting engagements and promises to family.

Newt and Guitar, 2 new members with a new baby, immediately took over music. Newt has a servants heart. As soon as they joined, they immeidately took steps to remove idols from their room. He took up reading scripture and singing hymns to his dying aunt. Every Sunday he took up the post of dishwasher after the meal as well as teaching the ukelele and notes to a young boy. His newly saved wife began learning songs and hymns to join in with him every Sunday. What a joy to see this young couple grow and testify.

Another couple, not so young, has stepped in checking on our house, making sure bills get paid and that we do not lack for not having our own kids over there. They have taken up the care of Wat's medical needs while we are here. And basically making sure the church is running smoothly.

Moss is preaching every Sunday, showing growth in the way he is preaching. His family has been faithful and a real blessing to us. They are taking care of our puppy, Pipsqueak, while we are here, even taking her to church every Sunday and videoing her so we know she is ok.

Another missionary working in the Nong Khai area is watching over the home up in SangKhom.. Glah is entering High School this year and will be involved in being a cadet which will help him transit straight to college after high school. Tan is in 8th grade this coming year. He still insists he want to become a chef. Our older lady at the home is doing really well. We can tell she has lost weight but she still gets up, walks around the farm, reads her Bible and when she can catch the boys, prays with them.

Our vehicles here in the States have been...well..a problem. Maureen's especially. Rebuilt motor and transmission! Still cheaper then paying for another car for such a short time. Tim's old truck and Maureen's car gets us where we need to be....meetings, work, grand's graduation, visiting grands with occasional child sitting, etc. Almost every place we go..ice cream shop, grocery store, restaurant we run into Thai and have the opportunity to "sow seed".

Just as a funny note..the first meeting Maureen joined with me, we had everything prepared. Maureen got out of the car, took off her sandals to put on dress shoes. They wouldn't go on. She didn't put them on prior so she didn't know they no longer fit. She wore her sandals in the church but took them off while setting up our display table. Sunday school started and she ran in to sit down. After SS she went to retrieve her sandals but didn't put them on. The Pastor called the missionaries to the platform and she didn't have time to put the sandals on, so in stocking feet,...yep! Note to missionaries back on furlough...check to see if your shoes fit!

Thank you for the prayers, support and love

Tim & Maureen