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This is Tim writing. Considering the situation, I wanted to give you as much confidence as I can that I'm okay.

On December 10th, my daughter arrived to take care of some personal business. The next day we bought her a phone and took care of several things she needed to do. As the day went on, I became increasingly short of breath—to the point that I couldn't walk more than ten steps without having to stop.

I went to the doctor's office, thinking at least I could get my oxygen level checked, but they were closed. So, I went to the hospital just to have my oxygen checked. While I was there, they asked what the problem was. I told them I was having trouble breathing, and they said, "Let's check it." Within fifteen minutes, they had done an EKG and measured some enzyme levels, and they told me I was in the process of having a heart attack.

After some discussion with my daughter in the States, she insisted that I be taken by ambulance to Bangkok—to what is probably the best heart hospital in Thailand.

It is now Sunday. I've had a CAT scan, an echocardiogram, an MRI, and Angiogram. The doctor came in this morning and said he should have results tomorrow to determine whether they will do bypass surgery or place stents. At this point, they don't yet know.

My wife and daughter are staying with me, and we are dealing with things as they come.

We are asking for prayer, but at the same time we want to communicate that we are in God's perfect timing. None of this happened by chance. It wasn't by chance that Abby arrived on the 10th, and it wasn't by chance that I went to the hospital—especially since I don't go to hospitals or doctors. Everything has been very calm, and the timing has been absolutely perfect. So, Amen!

I do not expect this to affect the ministry here at all. I may just have to walk a little slower!

May the Lord bless you there, as He is blessing us here.

Tim & Maureen