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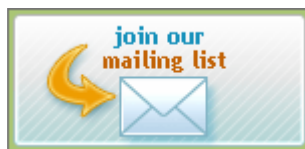
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A Word from the President

Dear Friends of Faa and the ministry of G.R.O.W.,
As I consider what God has been doing through this ministry over the last few months, I am amazed. I cannot adequately express what is happening because it is indeed sweet to see how God has been using your prayers and financial support to allow us to rescue children in Thailand.

Yet, I am also reminded daily that there is so much yet to be done. We are praying about expanding our work in Thailand through acquiring some land and/or a permanent home for our ministry. We are also praying regarding the possibility of extending our ministry to another country in SE Asia. Over the next few weeks there will be some important meetings that will hopefully bring clarity to these issues. Please pray for us!

As you read this update you will be reminded of the fact that our children are living normal and productive lives. The stories Faa shares here are not much different from the stories of our own children, except for one small detail... for kids who come from where our kids come, for kids with their ethnic background, doing the things they do now is NOT normal.

What is normal to our kids is far from being normal to them. So in a real way, by God's grace, with your help, we are giving our children the gift of the "NEW NORMAL." But for them, they still think they are living in a dream. Every time they wake up and are surrounded by the loving care of our staff, they think they woke up in paradise. That is why even the simplest things, such as watching the moon together, assume a monumental importance in their lives.

Thank you for making all of that possible for them. Please continue to support us with your prayers and finances. We are eternally grateful.
Pastor Ivanildo C. Trindade

→ Hello Friend,

The first month of 2011 went by so fast and it is just the beginning of great things to come. And I know some of you have been with hard snow storm and all my children and the G.R.O.W. Thailand prayed for you and we will continue pray for you.

The month of January is the first month of the year and all my children are growing, healthy, study hard in school and they love to do homework every day after get back from school, and they all continue to love to eat! I love to see all my children growing and healthy by the healing of Jesus Christ and I can tell you that my children have become changed a lot since they came to the G.R.O.W. home. The month of January had lots of things to do and we are so happy that God is with each of us and my children keep growing in their love for the words of God.



In our House our Family of G.R.O.W.



Wow I can't believe that G.R.O.W. Thailand has already completed one month in the new rented house. This new house very safe for us, very good neighborhood and good, spacious area for my children can have to run around and play. We have small black dog from the village. When we took this dog he was very small and thin because of not enough food to eat and after a month the dog got fat ☺ and all my children very happy to have dog with us. His name is Daam = Black. When we went back to the village recently everyone was amazed at how fat the dog had become. The dog became a star quickly. My children have lots of things they can do in the new house and they know how they can do and I was proud of my order girl. She is a great leader and all the children love to help each others. And they love to ride bicycle but have only one bike and they turn to ride 10 min. each one.

The Sun, The Moon & The Star

Every day, early in the morning before going to school, all my children so excited about the sunshine and my little girl, she loves the moon. Every time she runs to go see the sun come up in the early morning and tells me, "Pii Faa, look at the moon!" Very beautiful. She starts to sing a song . I laughed the first time I heard that because she knows it is the sun but she said the moon out loud. I have to tell her that is not the moon but the sun but she keeps saying it is the moon.

Each child loves to have me read books under the tree and look up the moon and star on sky. They start counting how many stars there are in the sky and tell me how many they can count. They never get tired of this game but count the stars every night. It is so great to see the wonder of the hearts of little children. I am so touched to see how much my children love the sun, moon and the star and they said in the old house we never see the sun in early morning. After reading and counting the stars, the children have to be ready to memorize the Bible verses and pray together before getting on the truck for school day. We give our life to God's hand in every moment for protection and ask Him to lead us each day. Then we give each other lots of hugs. I am so glad I have learned how beautiful it is to be able to hug my children, even if this is not part of my culture. This gives them confidence and affirmation to live their lives well. God is teaching me so much through these children every day and I am so.

→ Sport Day..



One weekend, my kindergarten kids were so excited they can't sleep because they had to run for the sport day. They were so anxious to see how their team would do. We woke up 5.30 a.m. on that day and my younger girl, Pim, she is so cute in her competition and silver and Tang she is quite the runner. She got the gold and when she started to run her shoes got loose but she doesn't care about anything. She focused only on the goal to win and she got it. ArTee, our youngest boy, wow, he is so good in his event. He also got the gold. The last girl is Parn. She is the runner and cheerleader of her team and she did great job both because her team got no.1 for cheerleading and she got the silver and I was so proud of all my kindergarten kids. God has certainly given them so many abilities and I can't see how He is going to use them in the future for His glory.



Marathon Day

Fai and Bank both got excited for the first marathon in school and this is my first time too in Thailand. I woke up 4.00 a.m. and I decided to wear "Team Hope" shirt. We walked and ran 8.5 kilometers without training. This is Faa's style... As we were running people would ask, "What is Team Hope.org?" I was so glad I could share with them what "Team Hope" members are doing to help rescue children in SE Asia. Thank you so much, Team Hope, and also for letting me wear your shirt in this event. For more information about Team Hope, go to www.graceteamhope.org. I saw Bank when started and finished. He went by so fast I almost missed him. Fai, our oldest girl, is always afraid of many people in the area. She sticks with me at all times and is not confident. Though this is hard at times,

I have so much compassion for her because I can see myself in her when I was a girl and was afraid of other people. I pray to God for help Fai to learn and fear not to live in this world. She is a lot better but she still needs to learn to be a strong girl to help others in the future. I have so many things I could tell about how Jesus is healing each of my children's hearts and bodies from many abuse by your prayers and by the blood of Jesus Christ. Please, keep praying for them every day.



Hot Spring

Near new our G.R.O.W. Thailand home is the famous Hot Spring in Thailand and I took all my children there for the very first time. I haven't been there for about three years and everything was so different. It is still beautiful with a lot of tourists from around the world. This Hot Spring you can stay the whole day have lots of stuff to do and enjoy with them things like a hot swimming pool, Thai massage, boil eggs, walking, camping , etc. But our kids so excited when we get in Hot spring and look like all my children are afraid of the new place and lots of people. My children asked many questions. We had lunch together, we pray so together and memorize Bible words together and all the kids swam in hot water. We all felt good and I know they would like to return there some day, this time maybe wearing swim suits to swim. We had good time together and good for the children to learn things outside the classroom. This was a field trip, G.R.O.W. style.

Training "How to go school?"

Because we moved to the new area and I would like my children learn how to go to school by public transportation, as part of their education to become confident in their abilities. So from Jan.12 - 20, 2011, early morning, all the children have to be ready by 7.00 a.m. to leave from house to walk to the main road to catch the transportation to school. Each day I met the drivers, some very nice and some not so nice, but it is good to help my children understand the life of the big city. This was also a good reminder to us about how thankful we are to God about your helping and blessing us to get the truck. Your generosity reminded us of God's love for us and your love for us and on behalf of G.R.O.W. Thailand, I want to say a big thanks to all who helped us with this project.

Art ...

One day in school when I pick up the kids the teacher said, "Tomorrow, Parn, one of my girls, will have to go to other Christian school for Art contest. She went and got an award. When she got back home she said I am so happy to go see and participate in the contest and also to make new friends. I am so proud for her.

Children's Day

This day so excited for all my children because every second on Saturday of January is Children day and this year it fell on Jan.8. All my children would like to have pizza. Ning, my sister, Beam, my assistant, and I took all the children to Airport Plaza Chiang Mai and the big mall in Chiang Mai. All my children so excited to have pizza some took four slices and some only one. They are learning the taste of American food and the jury is still out... They have soda drink and all liked it, but they said this is not good for to have everyday or often because of Pii Faa told does not let them have it everyday. I wish you could have been there at the time when the children had their first pizza in the big mall. They were so happy and had so much fun.

Thank you so much for your beautiful heart to make this ministry possible so our children can enjoy and got to learn the new thing.

Please Pray for

1. The new girl coming to the G.R.O.W. home in a couple of months. It is so hard to make a decision about who to bring as there are so many who need help and more and more people keep asking us to help with some children in other villages.
2. Pray for my dad who has been very ill and is in the hospital now.
3. Pray for the team from Wooster Grace who will be coming to ministry to and with us at the end of February. Pray for Pastor Ivanildo, G.R.O.W. President, as he spends time leading us through an important discussion about the future of our ministry in Asia.
4. Pray that God will lead us to the right place and help us develop a specific plan for land and building in Chiang Mai.

Psalm 6: 9 "He listens to my cry for help and will answer my prayer"
For the sake of the Children,

Faa
Thailand Director, G.R.O.W.

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