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Thank you for the truck!



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Hello Friends,

"Greetings from Thailand, the land of smile". This is the motto of Thailand I heard first when I took my first Thai language class. Hope this is not too late to say "Happy Thanksgiving" to each of you and I hope that you are ready to welcome and enjoy the snow (at least some of you). I hope someday I can touch real big white snowman on Christmas time. This time makes me think about how much America welcome Christmas time with the snow! ☺☺.

I would like to say many thanks to all of you who gave money for the truck. I would like to tell you that we got the truck already! ☺. I remember when the GROW board first made plans and pray for the second hand truck because we do not have enough budget, and all my kids and I pray to God for the truck and asking God to provide the good truck because we not safe by to take 3-4 kids by motor bike. God really heard and answered our prayers and provided not just a truck but a BRAND NEW TRUCK, not second hand. God has big plans and different plans from ours and God is the FATHER who gives great things to His children. Love is giving and God is Love, God always giving to us on time. Praise God for the truck and I am so

excited and all the kids too. We appreciate very much for your helping and bless to us. Thank you for care the children. Thank you so much for you allowing God to tell you to help and for obeying Him with your happy heart. God will in do everything on time, let's believe together with me.



In the beginning of this year I asked you pray that my helper can work with GROW fulltime and I PRAISE GOD again that God is good answer for our prayers. Now Beam, who is also my niece, a loving, caring, university student who has endeared herself to our children in such a short time, works full time with GROW. She works hard for all the kids and all the kids love her so much. I am so proud of her working with the children and thank God for bringing her to the GROW Home. I also thank God that my children obey and listen to her, my sister and me so well.

In Thailand we have good weather now not hot and cold I love so much and I can tell that this year have many overseas tourists in Thailand. Sadly, I also heard a lot about children being abused by the tourists. It's so heart breaking and makes me to crying inside. A typical story is that of one kid from the border who is about nine years old. A broker (really a thug, a despicable human being) went to the village and bought this kid for selling the flowers on street. This kid can't speak Thai well and all things very new for this kid. Everyday this kid has to sell the flower on street in the city busy with many traffic; if he came back without selling the flowers, the owner who bought this kid beat him up with a belt everyday and the kid got sick. For about three weeks this kid's life was so sad but some good person helped this kid and this kid is now safe in a home in Chiang Mai.

I would like for you to know how much this makes my heart break and there are many other cases of the children who have no voice and I would love to reach them and provide them with a save safe place, good education and tell them about the power of the gospel and how Jesus Christ can help them, save them give them a changed life forever.



The kids are so happy for the anniversary party of their school and all are they so cute on their nice dresses. For all the kids it was the first time that they performed in front of many people. I am so proud of each of my children. They did a great job!!! They were excited for a long time, couldn't sleep, can't eat food and try to get the dress on before the party started and on the day they woke up very early morning.

God is good and please pray for my children each day that they will continue to grow in all areas of life. Some of the kids experienced health problems this time of the year as the weather has changed. Please, pray for the new house we looking to rent, that God will lead us to the right house in a great location. Pray also that we will be able to get the computers we need to start teaching our children how to use them. My kids keep asking, "Can we have computer room in new house and worship room?" I believe God will answer the prayers of these precious children.

On October my kids all have school vacation about two weeks so I took them back to visit the village we had fun together. The new truck was great!!! During that time I could see how God helping the kids and through them helping their whole families. In fact, their families are getting closer in their relationship because of our kids. One of my girls' mothers said, "My girl is changed. I can tell she is learning about Christ and growing. She is also teaching me. I have always been afraid of the dark and can't go outside anywhere by myself for most of my life, but when she said, 'Mom, I am praying for you to fear not every day before bed time in GROW Home, Thailand,'" when I heard those words for the first time, it made my heart so warm and from then on I did not feel fear anymore." So this mom felt the power of prayer and she said she can tell how her little girl is so strong in her Bible memorization and prayer.

This time of the year it is very easy for my kids to get sick and I had to take the kids to clinic (better for us more than hospital) and one of my girls she has skin problem throughout her entire body, head to toe and I took her to see the doctor about five times and now she better and good happy fun.



My village had Thanksgiving and I took all the kids up to the village by the new truck. I did drive up to the mountains and was reminded of the grace of God to our lives. Many other kids from the village would like to come stay in the GROW Home and many people in the village kept asking me for helping the children from the village who are at risk or are being abused by their parents or a relative. This time I have chance to talk with some people who are ministering to young girls who became prostitute in the north of Thailand. I found out about their stories. A couple that broke my heart were of a girl, about nine years old, no mother and the father watching the X-rated movies all the time and was always drunk. The stuff that she told me that happens in her house is so disturbing. Another case the father watched X-rated movies and two boys about, five and eight, acted out what they saw in the movies. These children's souls are forever scarred and how I wish I could help them.

My older boy has recently had Academic Skills contest in School about Art IT. They had students from over 450 schools compete. We will find out soon how he did but he was so excited and I was so proud of him.

Finally I appreciate each of you helping my dream become true to reach at risk children in Thailand. We are starting small but with God we will grow little by little until I can say one day that my dream of rescuing 1,000 children will be realized. What a wonderful thought!

For the sake for children,

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