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A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wow, it is hard to imagine that G.R.O.W. is now entering its second year; we have moved into a new house, bought a truck and are bringing a new girl to live in the home. God has been so gracious to us. Thank you so much for all your prayers and financial contributions to our rescue ministry in northern Thailand.

Once more, I hope you will enjoy reading Faa's latest update. It's been a little challenging lately communicating with her as she is without Internet in the new home for now, so forgive us for being late with this. Please keep Faa and the children in your prayers. They live in a fairly big city with all the dangers and distractions of traffic, bullies, unscrupulous business people, etc., etc. Every day, every moment, life is a challenge for them. Please keep them in your prayers!

I don't know how many times I have said how blessed we are to have Faa as head of this ministry in Chiang Mai. I see how God has uniquely equipped her to start not only a home but a movement that will focus on rescuing hundreds if not thousands of little children who are at risk today.

I am getting ready to go to SE Asia again with a team from my church. My wife and I are planning to be in Cambodia and Thailand from Feb. 18-March 9. While there, we will look at some possible sites for a future G.R.O.W. campus where we will be able to build in the future. Please pray for us.

Finally, it is not too late to contribute toward our project to help Faa get computers in the home. We didn't really strike a cord with hardly anyone regarding this project at the end of the year, so contributions have been very low. Please help us, if you can. Thank you!

Pastor Ivanildo C. Trindade
 G.R.O.W. President



Dear Friends,

Happy New Year to you!! Hope this is not too late, I hope each of you was blessed in the past year and had a wonderful Christmas with your family and friends. In the past year so thankful to God for His working on and walking with my children and me. God is good all the time.

MOVE



Moved to New House...This day made my heart so strong with my muscle and prayed to God for everything will be finished and the old owner not charge money for us even one cent because I don't want to lose money for that. We did great job for move the stuff by great friends who live in Chiang Mai and missionaries from deferent country. I would like too say many BIG THANKS to friends and each of you pray for us. Moving house is not easy including has many children with me, hard to leave my children but no choice I have to.... At the night time my sister Ning, Beam and I all went to outreach and walk and pray around the corner street in the red light district. That night reminded me about three years ago when I used to work with another organization there. Things are developing and changing but still have many bars and tourist drinking. On the way as we prayer walked one old grandma she sowing do something had made for sell and she give very beautiful smile and said "So long since I saw you." And grandma tried to find some gift for me. I know her for long time ago. Then we walked up and one mother of street children said: I was sick and almost die and my daughter said before you die, you should go and talk with Pii Ning and Pii Faa so I can live with them." The mom said, "she trusted you so much and said you love her." Yes, so many stories, more than I can tell. I remember this girl so well because she had been abused by her own father. In the whole night I thinking of these precious people and especially a little girl when I met her when she was just one year old and now she is about six and goes to school and comes to church and love to call my name and run to give me hugs. I love to see her in my church and she great to tell her father about the love of Christ.

CHRISTMAS



Christmas we has had such

time in the first Christmas to our GROW Home Thailand on Dec.14, 2010 and very first time for four my children, they are so happy and very excited for the Christmas tree and the gift, them keep asking me about the Santa? Does he will come to our home on Christmas night? They can't sleep all that night waiting for to see and talk with Santa!! They are so beautiful inside out by the love and grace of God. My children growing and still love to eat the words of God and food (growing in body, soul and spirit). And I went to small village in Chiang Mai area for Christmas with the children under four years old and so happy to share and tell the stories of Jesus Christ, singing and dance together. This village does not believe in Christ.

My children back to their village on Christmas time with their relatives and parents, one of my children said, "Pii Faa!!! I will miss our GROW Home and the food!" I asked why? My children said because of when we back we moved to the new house already and when I am back to the village I don't have food to eat, I have to eat with rice and salt mix together, my children said with tears and look at me and I asked, "so who makes food for you?" My children said, "I did by myself!" This makes my heart very sad and that night I can't sleep because I don't want this thing happen with my children so when we arrived at in the village I bought food enough for my children until I move stuff to new house and can pick them back in GROW Home again.



BACK TO THE VILLAGE



Finally I back to the village after moved house to see my dad as he was very sick and I pray and preparing my heart and thank you so much for each of you pray for my dad. He was better because of your prayers. I was able to spend time with my dad and he told me you must prepare your heart!! My dad so happy for Faa cooked for him like my mom did about 20 years ago and I prayed and talk to him every day at evening time, I love to be with my dad because he so important for me. My dad loved to talk and tell many stories I never knew in my whole life before so it is so good to know. And I met with my children and we pray in the village. It was like we had not seen each other for 100 years (ha, ha, ha), and my youngest girl she told me that she went out on the front of the church by herself for singing in her village and everyone marveled at how she became change and brave for Christ. She also showed me the gift she got from the village. So precious! I was very proud of her so much and still have many people asking me to help more children who at risk live in the village.

IN CHIANG MAI

As we got back to Chiang Mai from the village the children were asleep part of the time in the truck. They all look so cute and when they woke up, all children are sing songs the whole way and I am thinking how they will be feeling when see the new house and nice rooms and beds? We turned to go to the street where the new house is (different from downtown) and my children asked why don't go back home? I said we going back home this way different way. In the first time my children see the new house they are all jumping, get out from the truck and run and run around the house and they forgot all stuff from the village, I love to see my children's face happy and yes they love it even though sometimes they are asking about the old house.

I would like to give you many thanks for your prayers and donating for G.R.O.W. Thailand to help children growing and learning about life and Christ. I love to dream and asking God for the big thing in my prayers by faith...What about you?

For the Sake of the children,

Faa

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