

**Ron-Pat Morse** \* Dear Friends and Family in Christ, End of June 2015 Field Update from Thailand 11:45 AM (5 hours ago)

Dear Friends and Family in Christ, Chiang Mai, Thailand June 30, 2015

It is interesting and encouraging to see how God works and moves as we trust Him for guidance and all other aspects of our Christian walk and service. Please find our News Update for June with this extra cover-note, and thank you for taking a moment to read it. News is important but we also like to just chat too.

So in this section we want to do that; and say how encouraged we are when you respond with a “hi” or by extending some help for a particular need. In addition, your being a faithful encourager each month in sustaining the “rest of the work” that goes on through your consistent giving, knits our hearts to yours. We truly feel a kinship with you, and with it, a desire to include you in the progress that takes place when we see God moving as a result of our working together with Him. As we share updates with you, and the Lord impresses on you to help, it makes possible a solution for an otherwise insolvable situation and this results in positive conclusions. You’ve helped make this happen over and over again and we want you to know how blessed we are to have such friends as you, and we thank you for that.

We also realize that there may be some who are reading this who’ve so far not felt any need to be involved. We understand that this may be because there is a sense that your help or partnership is not really that critical or that we have many others who are already assisting and so additional help is not really needed. Please know that this is not the case. We continually ask the Lord to raise up friends who will pray for and maybe assist from time to time when needs arise and we share these with you. Some are smaller concerns and some are rather huge (in our thinking anyway!)

For each of these, we look to the Lord. We also want you to know that a few churches have closed their doors this past year(dwindling membership) and as a result, that partnership and under girding of the work here has come to an end. If we can be so bold, yes, we do earnestly invite you to consider coming along side the work here!

If you need additional background or history of the work, drop us a note and we can email you a number of items you can peruse and learn of what has been going on, starting from 90 years ago way up in Tibet. Even though we mention the need for a broader “base” we again stress that we mention this only because we all “need to know” before we can act or respond. But our focus and dependency is continually on God to move hearts for every type of need here. And we see the Lord bringing to our attention the needs of those in the remotest areas through unlikely avenues; people who have also been crying out to the Lord for some time – and we “learn of it.” We get information and that alerts us in the process towards finding a meaningful and lasting solution to the need.

I have a confession to make.... there are times when I really ponder what can or should be shared. On one hand we get the “information” but the question is, what to do

with it? Most needs are about brethren who are unable to get past a bottleneck problem - where stuff gets so far and then stalls. Intervention by someone is needed. Is that us?

The other concern we ponder is a concern that we may over-load you, our gracious supporters and partners in ministry, with too many “needs.” We realize we are not the only ministry many of you support, and your steady or even occasional extra one-time gift from time to time is an act of Christian kindness on your part. We do not ever presume on anyone’s giving. Yet we all do live in a physical world; and, God set up His work to happen through His family, people in the church. For this reason we’ve wanted to balance the sharing of needs along with good news of what’s completed on efforts already underway. As we do this, it’s our hope that you’ll be encouraged too.

Meanwhile, as we tell you about particular concerns from time to time, we endeavor to be brief but with enough breakdown of details so you can get the gist of what is needed and can, hopefully be informed sufficiently to help. Then you may or may not feel led to be a part of the solution – meet an entire need (some have done this) or help towards a need. Every gift given for a particular need goes to that, nothing else. And there never is any “overflow” (excess) that is received. It is really amazing how the Lord moves in and through each of us in this way. In all of this we thank you who have continued to reach out to touch the lives of brethren and kingdom efforts so far off... impacting people whom you may never meet “down here” but will surely meet in eternity. Thank you again for allowing us to be your eyes, ears, hands and feet here in Asia – all to the praise and honor of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ whom we humbly serve.

This is a bit long, but we thank you for wading through it. You are precious to us in so many ways. Pray for Pat as she helps her mom in Rome, Italy. She has about 4 weeks left there. Pray for Justin and me as we too, continue on with many facets of work and ministry both locally and across borders. Remember you can contact us by email at ronpatmorse@yahoo.com or through Gary Wheat our FA in Joplin. His address is on the newsletter banner page. With grateful hearts and warm regards with prayers for you and yours,

Ron and Pat Morse and Justin

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End of April 2015

Once again the month has passed by far too swiftly. Please find our latest news update attached and thank you for taking a few moments to peruse the contents and hopefully be encouraged by it.

During April we were reminded that on the 18th Dad would have turned 94. It was a year ago that many of the brethren gathered from all over to pray for him and see him on his birthday. It hardly seems possible that a year has passed since that final birthday gathering for him (he had organized it each year for the past 3-4 years). Time passes.

**Only a Matter of Time.** Time is something few of us can really grasp. What is it? We are all born with the same number of hours in a day, week or year. Paul talked about making the most use of the time we have and this is certainly an admonition we do well to heed! It's been said that salvation is freely given but heavenly rewards are in fact based on our earthly works done for the Lord and often done to people. All of this involves time... time to earn eternal rewards that do not fade...involving our time here on earth to do it. Probably this is one of the least preached-about topics – "how to earn heavenly rewards." This I would say though: many of you have many rewards in heaven inasmuch as you have so graciously given, shared, or responded to many special needs for those of whom Jesus said were "the least of these, my brethren." Maybe he meant people who were young, poor or not counted as important by society. If those perspectives are so, then you have certainly done much to lift them up over here. The wonderful thing is that the Lord is keeping track of it all; we don't have to keep count! Let's keep doing it while we've the time.

**Family News on our End.** Just about two months ago we got a call from Pat's brother telling us that Pat's mom (Franca Gentile) had slipped and fallen and the femur bone had broken near the hip. At the hospital it was some days before they could get the necessary stand-by resuscitation equipment that would allow them to do surgery to set the bone. The hospital did not have that (can you imagine?) and given her age and heart condition they did not want to proceed until they could "locate" a hospital that did have it. The family waited 6 days before the family, on their own, finally tracked down such a hospital, hired an ambulance and moved her. She was taken to surgery within 2 hours. She came through it without incident and has been in recovery and therapy now for over a month. She is now going to be sent home, where more recovery therapy will be needed so she can get back on her feet quickly. Due to many schedules and obligations the family have had to take turns to assist Franca; some live hundreds of miles away and have jobs that involve teaching; some have elderly folks (stroke, bedridden) to care for and have to juggle time.

So, after looking at what is needed, it seems necessary for Pat to be with Franca during the month of June and part of July. Both Pat and I feel that she needs to be with her mom during this time. Right now we are making plans for her to go alone; I will stay on here in Thailand to hold down this front while she takes some time to help her Mom.

We ask for your prayers for Pat, for her mom Franca as well as for the rest of the family in Italy – all involved in the work of the church wherever they are at, and somewhat overwhelmed with a number of events all happening at the same time. Franca is 88 and while she has had some heart issues, she has been mobile and mostly able to care for herself up until now. The quite inadequate medical scene has taken a considerable toll (social medicine, anyone?) but it is our hope that the bone will mend quickly and she will regain her mobility - as well as a measure of her capability to resume a normal life in her own home. Pray for a speedy recovery for her... and pray for Pat as she weighs all of this and what she can do while there to help her Mom.

**UPCOMING EVENTS DURING MAY** In just two weeks most schools in Thailand will reopen – even as school lets out for the summer in the USA! (It is because of the hot weather that their break is in Mar-May). For us, this means the many youth homes in various locations will also be reopening for students to come back. Here in Thailand that means the Prao Youth Home (with about 100 kids) and the Maetam Youth Home (with around 50). We are not yet sure what the numbers will be at the PK Youth Home but probably around 60 too. The rest we will have to wait to see. While the public schools do their part for a formal education, the Homes have a higher purpose – to also teach the children from the Word of God, to instill God's worldview, His way and His purpose for each of the kids...and how to live to honor Him always.

At the Juniper Youth Home – the new one on the border – we anticipate about 16 kids at this time. There is a need for setting up the sleeping platforms – replacing the bamboo ones with plywood platforms to be durable. This past year, the first year the JYH has been open, all 13 kids graduated from all their classes, from 3rd graders on up to 8th graders. This is not the case in some other facilities there, and attests to the efforts of the dorm parents to coach, tutor and help the kids each day with their school work. 3 of the older kids were even bumped up 2 grade levels because of how quickly they caught up (they'd been in a country school). This is really encouraging for the dorm parents and us too! Most of these kids are from Christian families, but not all. When they leave, we hope He will be their Lord too. May the Lord bless you and make His face to shine upon you each day wherever you are.

In Him, Ron and Pat Morse and Justin