

Newsletter for 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2018

Almost moved in.

Late July we packed up our things in CA and moved to Colorado. We dropped our trailer at our house in CO and then drove to MN to deliver some of Raquel's belongings at my Cousin Eric's house in Woodbury MN. Raquel is going to St Thomas University School of Law in Minneapolis MN. Upon our return to Colorado we remodeled our little cabin with a new floor, new paint and an Ikea kitchen. I am so thankful for Erik's handyman skills to put it all together. I was his tool assistant and floor layout planner. It is all mostly complete and we finished unpacking the boxes.

This week we trained 5 people from Impact Church that are going with us to Thailand. Please pray for:

Joel, Danielle & Trevor St. John  
Steven & Victoria Foote

These two families have been raising support and giving generously of their time to go to Thailand and work with Home of the Swallow with us.

Erik and I will be in Thailand October 13-December 10<sup>th</sup> and the team will be with us November 5-27. We will make all the preparations for construction projects at the Home of the Swallow and at the Little Nest. We have lists of desired projects the men will be working on at both locations. Danielle, Victoria, Trevor and I will mostly be at the Little Nest helping the teachers, playing with the children and teaching child development classes to new or expecting moms.

We are also planning a fun day out with the moms and their little ones.

We are so thankful for all of our supporters who have been so faithful to giving, praying and checking on the needs for Home of the Swallow. Over this past year, Erik and I have transitioned from full-time missionaries living in Thailand to non-residential missionaries, (still working in Thailand but living in the US). Erik and I no longer take a minister's housing allowance but continue to raise awareness for Home of the Swallow. We use all the money donated for the trips that we plan to do each year. We are planning on going twice a year for 30 -90 days each trip.

We continue to partner with Home of the swallow and to support the women we have been in relationship with since 2015.

**Helping one of the women get her birth certificate.**

For stateless people in Thailand, (if you don't have a birth cert) there is a complicated and expensive process to attaining citizenship. We will have to take her and the other required people, documents, and money to the village mayor where she was born. This will require us to

rent a vehicle, pick up her mother, drive to the village and provide “witness fees” to the 4 people verifying her birth in that village 23 years ago. She has arranged for a policeman that has been close to her case to meet her there as well so the village mayor will do his job. This has been her biggest desire since we met her 4 years ago. A lot of people have been helping her to get to this point in the process. Once she receives the birth certificate she can apply for citizenship in Thailand. That process can take 6 months to a year to process. She is Stateless and cannot get a decent paying job until this is all finished. Please pray for favor with all the agencies she will have to go through. We are estimating this trip and government fees will cost 12,000 baht which is about \$400.

### **Christian Education for 2 children**

The children of two of the young mothers that we have been walking with since 2015 are entering elementary school and have always been in a Christ centered learning environment. Thai public school is Buddhist and revolves around the practices, holidays and customs. Each of their moms have expressed a desire for their child to be in a Christian Elementary School. 1 year tuition, books, uniforms is 36,000 baht (\$1200) per child. We are committed to seeing them through until they graduate but we can't do it ourselves. If you are interested in helping with the tuition of these 2 children please let us know and we can direct you how to give.

Instead of remaining in the cycle of what their mothers grew up in, they will have an amazing chance to be educated well instead of working to provide for their families. One of the moms was only able to go to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade before she was required to work. She is making sure her daughter will get the very best, to be able to stay a child and have a brighter future. We are helping provide for this little family every month so that 19 year old mom can finish her High School diploma in 2 more years.

### **Home of the Swallow nursery scholarship for poor families**

Khun Apple and Khun Air at Home of the Swallow would like to set up a scholarship fund for the poor families who live near the Little Nest. They want to help families in need receive safe, Christ centered childcare while the parents are at work. Amazing outreach to the families of the children happens over the 4 years the children attend. Real Relationship!! It will be a need based scholarship for 1-4 year old children. The fundraising goal will be 10,000-20,000 baht a month. (\$333-\$667)

We have graciously been provided for in ministry, faithful donors who committed to 3 years of giving, we are so thankful to God and to them for their commitment. Also, we have 2 churches that want to continue with us as we partner with Home of the Swallow from the US and visit twice a year. If you want to continue support; know that 100% of the funds go to the mission in Thailand, if you are new to financial support-we welcome you! There is always a need.