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**“Cry aloud and shout joyfully, you women and inhabitants of Zion,
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel”
Isaiah 12:6 Amp.**

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Dear friends,

We hope and pray that this news flash finds you and your loved ones blessed and healthy. We thank each and every one of you for your prayers and your support.



We could not do without that, and it is very encouraging for us to know that so many are standing next to us in the things the Lord has entrusted to us and allows us to do here.

Life here in Chiangrai, and the rest of the country, is more and more getting back to normal with the lifting

of curfews, the possibilities to travel through the country again, the opening of markets, shops, Malls and restaurants etc.

As I wrote in our previous news flash, the number of infections and fatalities in Thailand were really very low due to quickly installed safety measures. Only about 3170 cases and only 58 deaths at date of writing this. And looking at now, being gradually lifted again and giving people their lives back, it surely paid off.

Similar to some other countries the borders are still closed to the majority of foreigners and for now only specific people are allowed in. This means that the large tourist industry, which always has been very important for the economy and provided many direct and in-direct jobs, is still at a standstill. Of course also in many other sectors people lost their jobs, what is a big burden for all these families.

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For three months, March, April and May, I had furloughed my staff out of safety precautions for our girls and they just this month returned to work.

It has been a great, fantastic, incredible and blessed journey to see how our two oldest girls, Wan and Fa, during these three months under circumstances that were far from normal helped me to run the house. And with run the house, I mean everything from keeping all girls busy with daily activities during lock down, getting food on the table, being responsible for the budget, all administrative



and government stuff and many, many things more. It is no greater joy for a father but to see how his daughters, under the power of the Holy Spirit, practice what they have been equipped and trained for. For Ellen and me this is so encouraging and a confirmation of what we always have seen as being a very important part of our Ministry, raising girls up to leadership.

Girls

By the Grace of our Lord and Saviour, all girls are doing very well and school will start again on July 1st. Something they now really look forward to. How exactly this will work out looking at the large numbers of pupils per class in elementary and High School we will have to see. Our vocational students probably will do one week in school and one

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week online studies.

For elementary we do not know yet and for High School most of the classes will stay online. For University we know that part of the studies for now will stay online and part will be given at University itself. Gradually school, vocational training and University will return to normal. Apart from paying the tuition money, we as usual each year, had to buy a lot for the girls.

From uniforms, sports wear, shoes, pencils, drawing material, books and whatever needed for school you can think of.

Wan and Fa again took fantastic care of this all and took the girls to buy most of what is needed. Finally after being about 3 months in the house and the garden, the girls could go out shopping together and had some great fun in doing so. We are so grateful that even in this period of much higher prices and pressure on our funding, we have been able to pay for school and University and buy most of what was needed.



Village girls

Also for our girls in the villages, school will start again and they also needed many things for their new school year.



We are very grateful that we can help these young girls in what they need for a normal and good daily life while living with their grandmothers and in helping them to get an education.

Now, because restrictions are lifted we can go up the mountains again and do our regular checks, counselling, practical help and bring the Gospel to the people there. There still are many more girls in similar situations in these villages that need our help and we hope and pray that we will be financially enabled to reach out to them.

Thank you all so much again for your prayers and your support in whatever way given to us and may God bless you abundantly,

Rev. Dr. Jan & Ps. Ellen Smit

Thanking points

For all the Lord is giving us

For all of you that pray for us and support us

For the amazing period we had during lock down

For the fact that our girls can go to school again

For the fact that we were able to pay for school, University and all that was needed

For Wan and Fa as our leaders

Praying points

The Lord's protection and provision

The girls in Baan Zion and in the villages

The girls going back to school

The new opportunities we will have in the villages to share the Gospel

The possibility to help more girls in the villages

The overall funding needed

Our own family



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