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*“I have set the Lord continually before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be moved”
Psalm 16:8 Amp.*

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Dear friends,

We hope and pray that you receive this news flash in good health and are blessed with everything the Lord is doing in your lives. The world is still in turmoil, but we may know and proclaim that Jesus is Lord and that the Lord is at our right hand and that no matter the uncertain situation in this world, our present and our future are with Him.



Girls

It is almost a routine to write this, but we over and over and over are blessed with the fact that all of our girls are really doing fine. Their physical and mental health is absolutely fantastic and apart from the usual dental checks and visits to an ophthalmologist or optician for those who need glasses we never see a Doctor. Several factors of course do play a role in their overall health.

Important is that we live in a large, loving and very stable family setting, where each and every one of our girls go along very well, where there is opportunity to talk and share about literally anything, where we have many combined activities, but where there is also room for personal space and development in which they are all encouraged and helped.

Another important health factor is, that we emphasise on good nutritious food, lots of fruit so vitamins, exercise and sufficient rest and sleep.

All this, next to being smart, also contributes to their study results that looking at how hard they work and this month's report cards on average 3.8 grades, are absolutely something we are very proud of.

Sending the girls off to Chiangmai for their internships



We are also very proud of our two Uni girls that now are doing their internships at different locations in Chiangmai.

Being away from home in another city for three and a half months, living alone in a dorm room, taking care of themselves for the first time outside of our family and working long 12 hours a day shifts for 6 days a week, is not easy.

But they are doing quite well and of course there is an almost daily contact to check on their wellbeing.

Girls in the villages

If we see how great the transformation for and in the lives of these girls and their grandmothers has been since we started this project, we can only be very grateful and stand in awe about how the Lord has worked in their individual lives and situations.

For us, so them, this is only the beginning of a promising journey we have started together.

Looking at today, their health has considerably improved because they can buy sufficient good food and see a Doctor if needed. They do not have to worry about clothing and going to school anymore. Instead they are given hope for the future, and one day they due to education, have the possibility to break the chains of poverty and build up a decent life.

"Education is the beginning of change"

All of these girls dream of a future they without our help could never achieve.

They want to become teachers, nurses, Doctors and Dentists, so they can help others.

Things looking at their present school grades being within reach, given the needed support.

Our regular personal on the spot checks are a source of joy for them and us alike and we keep attracting many others in those villages. People see, that we say what we do and do what we say. They see the change, they see the progress and they see and experience the love and power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It would be an answer to our prayers and a huge blessing for girls involved, if we financially would be able to bring

more young girls into our project, so also for them despair maybe transformed into hope and joy.



Car



Going up to these villages was not always easy nor safe since our car was almost 13 years old and really had its better days. This caused it to be in the garage a lot and high up in the mountains on 'no' roads, especially during rainy periods in some places was a big risk. But Glory to Jesus, we now have been able to buy a fantastic new 4wd car.

This car is not only a blessing for our daily use, taking the girls to and from school, but also in going to their mothers in far of prisons, visiting their grandmothers and distant family in their villages, but certainly for going to the high up and remote mountain villages of the girls in the village project. We are overjoyed and extremely grateful.

Self-sufficiency project / land

In our previous news flashes we wrote about our vision to buy the land next to our house and start a self-sufficiency project. A project that by growing greens, fruit, raising chickens and an aquaponics system (fish) could foresee in most of our personal need in greens, fruit, chicken, eggs and fish. Besides that, it would give us the opportunity to share with the village girls and others in need there and sell the surplus for extra income for our Ministry, which we could use to help more girls in the villages. Experience from harvesting in our own garden, being it modest, and on a larger scale with the large corn project we were allowed to do, proved that we can do it and that it works.



The land next to our house is about 3200 square meters so almost two Rai. For the exact size we have to see the land deed/papers and ask the land office to measure it. It has the same soil as our own garden and like that no doubt is very fertile. But buying this land, making needed walls on 2 sides, and some equalizing work plus seedlings all together will cost about \$135.000

We are aware of the fact that this is a lot of money, but whenever made possible it will give a huge impetus to our Ministry.

We do not have to go to the market for our daily food anymore and make great savings on that, we can sustain the girls and those in need in the villages with extra food and we can sell the surplus, so with that money can bring extra girls into our care.

"We safe, we share, we sell, we help more"

We are very grateful for all your prayers and support and wish you the Lord's abundant blessings,

Rev. Dr. Jan & Ps. Ellen Smit

Thanking points

The people that pray for us and support us
The fantastic new car
The fact that all girls are doing so well
The continuous daily blessings

Prayer points

The girls in Baan Zion
The girls in the villages
The vision to help more girls
The funding for the land
The overall sponsoring
The needed wisdom and insight
The needs of our own family



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