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“For in the day of trouble He will hide me in His shelter; in the secret place of His tent will He hide me; He will set me high upon a rock”

Psalm 27:5 Amp.

Dear friends,

While I write this May news flash, we are already in the month of June and sort of halfway in 2021. It is amazing how fast time is flying by during this time where the world is still not back to normal. All you see or hear is about covid, something that has influence on everything and of course also for us causes some restrictions on how we do or want to do things. School, University, shopping, church, travel, visiting prisons, the village project, expanding our Ministry and whatever you can think of, in some way is affected by this situation.

But we are more than blessed. All of us are healthy and of good spirit and even though there are limits and we have to adapt things as we do them, we still can do so much for the Lord and His Kingdom and go to many places. No matter what, we may know that we are hidden in His shelter and in the secret place of His tent. For us, it is faith over fear and we praise Him for all He makes possible and opportunities given.



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Girls

As said in our April news flash we this holiday period could not go to the prisons to visit the mothers, but due to the ongoing special situation it has been made possible for the girls and their mothers to have a 10-minute online chat time.

And of course, we are very grateful for this exceptional opportunity that has been given to us.



And even though it was not possible to go everywhere, we by the grace of God have been able to do some outside activities and also bring visits to some of the villages. In special now our presence there is very important. The fact, that we can share whatever is needed and can pray with the girls, their grandmothers, other people in the village and show them that no matter what, we are there for them is simply answering to His call to share our lives with those in need. God always makes a way, where there seems to be none, because for those who believe all things are possible and also now, He brings us where He wants us to be and where we are needed.

And we do not want to be, nor are idle here in any way what so ever.

A lot of time is spent in our garden, where we grow veggies, herbs and fruit. And with music, dance and arts, games and of course watching movies or cartoons. This, next to our morning devotions and evening Bible studies and prayer time. Cost of living have been rising substantially and with so many girls and high overall cost we have to be good stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us. So, whenever we can, we go up the mountains and collect fruit, vegetables, herbs and catch fish that are freely to obtain, so by this provide in one or a couple of days free food for our house. Or if given the change, work a piece of land we for a short time may use, and sow and plant corn and veggies as an addition to our needs.



Self-sufficiency project

More and more we are convinced of the fact that this project would be an enormous blessing for our Ministry as a whole.



Again, we are given the short-term opportunity to sow and plant some crops on a piece of land that now is lying idle like we have done earlier and looking at our double corn harvests, that was an absolute success.

If offered the possibility to buy the land next to our house, we really could provide in most of our own needs, have surplus to share with the girls and others in the villages and even have enough to sell and use this money to rescue more girls and bring them under our care.



Self-sufficiency project 2: going chickens



As you know some time ago, we by an old grandmother were given 14 chickens. Now we have 35 and they by now lay so many eggs that we do not have to buy any for our daily use anymore.

And I tell you we consume a lot of eggs here every day. Since we have so many chickens now, we had to go up the mountain to cut Bamboo and built them a large new chicken coop.



Following on from the above about our self-sufficiency project, we are convinced of the fact that when having enough space, so the land next to our house, we next to our fruit, vegetable and herb growing, could expand our breeding program for the chickens substantially. By this we could provide in our own need, share to the girls and others in the villages and certainly by selling, could earn money for our Ministry.

Back to school - but not really



Schools and University are not open yet and all study, as far as possible and provided, have to be done online. Wanida, who this year enrolled into Uni with the perspective to get a MBA Degree, this being a goal she no doubt will achieve, of course had to be provided with a for her studies so needed note book computer. Something she looking at who she is and her High School top A grade results absolutely deserved.

For our girls having an individual note book is absolutely essential the moment they go to University. For elementary and High School, we do have two desk top computers and as soon as schools are open again, they for daily home work are sufficient. If schools will stay closed for a longer time again, we have to consider a third one looking at online classes.

We are enormously grateful for all of you that stand next to us and in whatever way help us to make the difference in so many lives.

May the Lord bless you all abundantly,
Ps. Ellen and Rev. Dr. Jan Smit

Thanking points

All the opportunities given to serve Jesus

All the girls and staff

All that stand next to us

Praying points

That we may be able to rescue and bring more girls under our care

That we will be blessed with the funding needed for our self-sufficiency project

That very soon now one of our girls will get her Thai nationality ID we are working on for 9 years now.

Our own family



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