

November 24, 2020

Dear Friends,

Sending extra love and gratitude to each of you this Thanksgiving.

It is no secret how challenging this year has been for us all, definitely one of our most difficult years of ministry. We are grateful for your words of encouragement during the last nine months as we have experienced continuous lockdown and a month of quarantine. We want to take just a minute to rejoice, to celebrate, and to give our Lord and Savior great thanksgiving.

Grateful for the property. We have put every square meter of land to use this year. Picnics by the creek, sack slides down the hill, trees to climb, and acres and acres where the children can run. Thank you to the many individuals and churches for providing us with this property, it has been vital for the health and wellbeing of the children.

Grateful for the homes. The living rooms have become sanctuaries as the children hold worship services on Sunday mornings. They have grown spiritually and developed into excellent leaders. Thank you to everyone who has come to the Home and spent hours pouring concrete, laying block, and building the homes for the children. They are their refuge.

Grateful for our teachers. We have two fulltime teachers who are instructing all 24 children in eight different grades. It is not easy. The children have had a difficult time learning virtually. Yet, the teachers have persevered and in a few short weeks the children will finish the school year strong. Thank you for financially supporting the Home's school this year.

Grateful for good health. In October, several of the children and one of the Tias had Covid. The home was on Quarantine for 21 days. This was one of the most difficult times during the pandemic for the children and the Tias. Thank you for praying for their healing.

Grateful for each of you. We are so grateful to each of you for your partnership in ministry with us. Thank you for covering the home and children with your prayers, and we cannot begin to tell you what a tremendous blessing your financial gifts have been. We have had some difficult months financially, yet our doors are open, and ministry continues because of your generosity. Thank you.

Grateful to our Lord and Savior. Daily we cry out to the Lord for health, happiness, peace, and financial security. We have seen Him move in ways we never expected. He is with us; He is with you. During this time of Thanksgiving, we raise our voice in praise to our Heavenly Father for being with us and hearing our prayers. Thank you, Jesus.

I think my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now . . . Phil. 1:3-5

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