

Dear Quest Family,

Warm greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand!

In our new roles as Asia Regional Coordinators for Serve Globally, we just returned from trips to East Asia, Japan, and the Philippines to connect with national partners and provide leadership for our missionaries. We were reminded of a passage from Colossians 1 where Apostle Paul writes: "the gospel is bearing fruit and growing throughout the whole world." Indeed the Word is taking root in the farthest reaches of Asia and beyond as we see evidence of God's relentless pursuit of the lost no matter where we go. As much as we like to think that it is our mission, the reality is that mission is God's-- *Missio Dei*-- and God is accomplishing the task of restoring shalom in this world.

In Thailand, the church is growing especially among the poor and the minority ethnic groups. The work we are doing to build bridges to village communities and local government in Umphang along the Thai-Burma border continues to bear fruit. We are excitedly looking forward to hosting the public health team from Quest in January to help us in this endeavor. The team will be providing basic health and hygiene education to children in 4 villages, 3 of which are across the border in Burma. Caring for physical needs is a wonderful way to be an expression of the Gospel in this region.

Grace continues to lead Cornerstone Counseling Center in their vision of bringing health and wholeness to missionaries throughout Asia and to train Thai mental health professionals. She recently led a marriage enrichment seminar for Thai pastors and is in the process of training a Thai counselor. She has a passion for increasing mental health awareness in Thailand.

We want to take this opportunity to thank Quest Church for your faithful partnership with our family over the years dating back to our days in Kyrgyzstan. We know full well that we cannot do what we do without your prayers and support. May God bless you richly as you continue to build His Kingdom in the communities of Seattle and beyond.

Blessings. Bob and Grace