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From all on the Team, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you. In the many new challenges this year we've been encouraged often by those who emailed, phoned or 'facebooked' their comments, greetings and prayers. We value your partnership in this way, and especially in these past 2 months of flooding, when many Team members had to leave their homes and our Team base was also flooded.

Now all Team members want to greet you with their updates ...

Narutai: This has been a special year and God has done special things. Such as one child studying with us being healed of heart disease. God helped other children against evil spirits. God is doing special things for their parents too. Then the floods came! My house stayed dry but all roads around us were flooded so high that only boats could get in. For over a month it felt like we were stranded on an island. First day back at our Team Base I received 207 letters and lessons from children. I'm excited too as a large group of 15-16 yr olds have just finished all our lessons. Now I've begun house churches in some of their homes. Next year I want to do more church planting like this. Please pray for me.

Doi: This year I was offered a high paying company job. But I'm glad I decided to come back on our Good News Team. Here I'm able to share Jesus' good news with Thai children. My husband Joe says that God made me to serve Him as Joe sees I'm much happier when I can serve God. He also encourages me to use my knowledge and abilities for the Team. I feel I've been freshly empowered to work here again. Our home area was flooded and our vehicle is badly damaged. But these floods have been an opportunity to help many in needy areas.



Kanchana, Dang, Doi, Na, Art, NoiNon

Dang: The church where I stay was flooded but that became a way to show God's love. I was able to help in many ways, and take in big bags of supplies. Our neighbour hated Christians. But after we helped him lift his things above the water he got to know us and saw our spirit, and now he has become good friends with us.

Kanya: Please pray for me as I pray about the vision I have to be able to work more with churches to help them go to schools in their area and help children to follow Jesus. I know my burden is still to go to schools to reach children who've never before heard of Jesus.

PRE-FLOOD! OUR TEAM CELEBRATION –WHEN THIS YEAR'S BOOKLET WAS READY TO PRINT (together with others who'd helped with artwork, etc.)



Back row L-R: Art, Faith, Narutai, Peter(Pum), One(Wan), Bow, Dang & Doi
Front row L-R: Jean, Kanya, NoiNon, John, Valerie & Nok

UPDATES ON FLOOD RELIEF

November: Team members helped pack supplies to take into remote, poorer areas.



Later in November: At last!! The water began going down
In December – on the 1st: The "Clean Up" at our Team base.



2nd: Another clean up – this time at One(Wan)'s house.

6th: **Back Together!** All the Team was back together – the first time in 6 weeks – to get back to our 'normal' work.

8th: "Clean up" at a local school



December 14th: Clean up at an Ayudhya school. The Team also had time to tell all the children about Jesus with puppets, etc.

One(Wan): Our house had water to the ceiling. We lost many things of value to us. For 6 weeks we stayed with various family members. During that time more than 20 children phoned to ask me why they hadn't received their correspondence lesson. They didn't know our office was under water. When I told them many of the children encouraged me and said they'd pray for us. I felt God's love through them and saw that through our lessons these children are growing in God. Also next year I want to continue my studies in Education. This is challenging for me but it helps me a lot. Please pray too for my son Wave, who's 5 and starts at school next year.



Bow: During the floods I had to move several times and stayed with family in north Thailand. Please pray for me as I pray about my future. I want to improve my English so I can help with translation.



Kanchana (& FahSai news): Thanks for your support and prayers for FahSai and for all of us during the floods. Your gifts helped us buy supplies and medicine to take to isolated villages. Our FahSai teens helped us pack these and sometimes came with us too. Even our children got involved in packing toys and food for other children. We took God's love to many Buddhist areas. Also I was blessed when we were able to go to a Muslim area. They were very responsive and we have an opening to visit them again. Please pray God will guide me when and how to do this.

NoiNon: This year's Children's Booklet was very challenging for me as I was responsible for so much of it. God helped us and it was done on time! When I saw it completed I was very happy. I see children's joy when they receive this Booklet which we produce specially for them. I pray this Booklet will lead many to know Jesus. Please pray for this too.



Jean: When we do school outreaches we always work with local churches. I'm contacting churches in areas of Northeast Thailand where we have Never gone before. In January we plan to go to schools in mountain areas of Petchaboon to reach Hmong hill tribe children. Also I'm contacting a church in Karasin province too. Please pray for these plans.



Art: A few months ago my middle child, who's 2, was hit by a car. She had a fractured skull and broken leg. Doctors said they must amputate. I prayed for God to heal her so she can run and play again. Later the doctor came to say he would use a splint instead. I'm very happy that God helped her back to normal again. Our house was flooded for 2mths and we had to move a lot and it was difficult for us at times. But our Team family helped us a lot and we were glad we could join in flood relief to help other people.

John & Nok: The water was 2 metres high in Pathumthani Church. As it went down a terrible mess was left behind. The day came we had to clean up but there was danger for John because he has leukemia so has a higher risk of disease. As we looked around the church area we didn't know where to start. I've never seen such a big problem. Then 2 young men arrived who are in our church but don't come often. They brought 5 others we didn't know and they all worked non-stop all day. No breaks and all for free. They talked to us like we were close friends but we didn't know them. Over lunch we asked about that. One woman said that weeks before she had no food for her children. Then John organized a concert at a Disaster Relief Center She went and John gave her milk powder and other supplies and spoke to her and she felt very grateful and also proud about the love Jesus has for her. When she heard John needed help she came and brought other friends to help as well.



Valerie: Yes, this photo again, as my graduation this year was a highlight for me. As we began to implement some results of my research we've seen a consistent increase in the number of children starting our lessons and going on to complete them all - and that's been exciting. I go back to Thailand on January 4th and next year we'll begin to use these results to revise some lessons.

PLEASE PRAY WITH US

1. **School outreaches**
Most schools need to clean up and catch up so school outreaches in December will include practical help.
January 23rd-27th
To schools in Petchaboon.
2. **Christmas outreaches**
FahSai Club & Nonthaburi Church: Several children's outreaches in December.
Pathumthani Church:
Four village outreaches.
3. **Lesson program:**
We need to catch up with all the children again. Please pray for wisdom in this and for each child to feel truly re-connected and be able to continue with the lessons.
4. **Flood recovery**
For Team members who need to replace possessions

From us all, may God bless you with an abundance of His love and joy during this Christmas season