

THAILAND – SUMATRA FAMILY

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Dear Beloved Pastor, Church and Brethren,

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Greetings once again from the Thai mission field! I am making this special report to share the joys of our missionary travels with Pricila on September 7 – 12 to Bible Baptist Church, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on the occasion of their Missions Emphasis Month where I was the guest speaker on September 10. A great privilege was given to me by Bill Toh (Malaysian-Chinese pastor) to preach four sermons – three in the morning including a Mandarin service, an English service, Sunday School and one in the evening service whew, what a blessed opportunity because two Filipina visitors working as Domestic Helpers there got saved....Amen! We have known this church for more than three decades now and the pastor as well when he was still single. Then we flew down to Singapore on September 12 – 19 which is just 50 a minute flight. We attended Grace Baptist Church and Ministries with Pastor Christopher Chern (Singaporean-Chinese) and had a good fellowship with their Filipino group also working as D.H. and some are privately employed. On each Sunday, we encouraged them with reports of our two mission works in Thailand in slides and videos. **Both of these churches have faithfully supported us for 33 years now.** The Malaysian church has visited our first mission work in the Philippines twice with their youth groups in 1991 and 1993. The Singaporean church sent a mission team of ten people with their pastor to our second mission work in 1997 with two professional dentists giving free dental services, all done in an evangelistic way. Many souls got saved on these three occasions and they are still faithfully attending our established churches in the Philippines. It was a very relaxing and refreshing time for us because these two churches provided all of our accommodations with all the Malay and Chinese food... we were really spoiled adding some weight of course and have to do some dieting too upon going back to Thailand!

While we were abroad, we had two preachers at Life International Baptist Church, Chiang Mai . . . Bro. Rogelio Evangelista and a new/young Filipino couple missionary who both did a good job of preaching and teaching in our weekly ministries. It is always good training for both of them, especially for Roger who has been with us for seven years now. He and his wife Eva are both employed as English teachers here for more than a decade.

Our Akha Ethnic ministry in the province of Chiang Rai is continuing with some struggles. Please PRAY for our local Akha pastor Kraisor Chomeu who still does farming only on a small scale. He faces the burden of sending his eldest daughter to the university soon and two will be at the secondary level and the youngest at the primary level. We pay their house rental (which is the house church) and some monthly utilities as well. **Please also PRAY very well for the funds for the land for the church property.** The negotiation is still ongoing with the owner of the land. It's not yet done because, if possible, our proposal is to pay a down payment and then pay monthly installments. As we observed the history of all the Akha churches in distant places, it is an established fact to provide a church property and a building. Our few pioneer members are all farmers, but they never own the land they farm but rent it. With the five years of doing mission work, they were able to have some offerings every Sunday, and have received maybe about ten percent of the land value. Would you help these tribal believers?

Your partners in this part of the world,
Jason and Pricila SUMATRA

SUMATRA FINANCIAL REPORT SEPTEMBER 2023

September 2023

Balance from account in August 2023	US \$251.35
U.S. Support	1,942.00
Asian Support	200.00
Asian Churches Love Offering	<u>800.00</u>
Total Funds for use	US \$3,193.35

Expenses: (Avg. Exchange Rate for September US \$1.00 = 36.25 Baht)

2 Door Apartment Rent – Chiang Mai.....	US \$469.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & simcard mobile-net)	190.00
Supplies (Food, Furniture, Misc.).....	600.00
Pricila MRI, medicines and Doctor's fee	850.00
Purchase new Computer Monitor (2).....	300.00
Akha Pastor House Rent Subsidy	250.00
Thai Vehicle Sept payment.....	590.00
Withdrawal/TransferWise Fees.....	<u>21.82</u>
Total Expenses	US \$3,270.82