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Dear brothers and sisters,

May God's peace be with you!
This is about the time when new school year starts in Thailand. Our nursery also started the new school year on 2 May, and the orientation class for new students were held from 24-30 April. Saturday tutoring classes also started on 12 May. We are grateful to God for having the opportunity to serve Him and the Thai people again.



We are particularly thankful that we recently led an elderly man of the village to believe in Christ. He is the first fruit we have reaped this year.

Nursery and Kindergarten

The nursery was successfully registered on 12 March. As such, we can admit up to 40 students aged from 2 1/2 to 6.

We are thankful for the fact that after the registration as a nursery, we can also admit kindergarten students. Therefore, we need not rush to apply for kindergarten registration. The registration requires a qualified applicant with a related teaching degree, relevant teaching experience, and a master degree in educational management. Now we can have more time in identifying a suitable candidate or equipping one from among our serving teachers.

Now we have only 13 students in the nursery. 12 old students have left but only 4 new students joined this school year. It is our wish to have 17 more students, making the total to 30. Please pray for us. We had a total of 21 students last semester, but 12 of them left for no obvious reasons. We kept finding the reasons behind. We overheard that prestigious primary schools in the city would admit K2 students and waive the Grade 1 entry exam requirement for them. When Ann attended kindergarten teacher training class, she heard that another nursery had 30 students in K1 class, but only 4 students in K2. We are thinking if it is necessary to admit children of younger age. Please pray for wisdom from God.

The construction of the kindergarten premises started on 27 April. Up to 10 May, a total of 72 piles have been installed. Upon the completion of piling, the foundation work would begin. Construction workers dug holes more than one meter deep for piling, and they were also busy bending bars. Let's pray that God would oversee and protect them. Occasionally, we brought them fruits, desserts and food, hoping that they would work happily and come to know more about the true and living God whom we rely upon. Since more electricity is needed for the new premises, we need to apply for one more electric meter. This is being followed up by Mr. Lao.

The budget of the construction is HKD 5 million, of which more than HKD 1 million has been raised, and so we are a bit more than HKD 3 million short of our target. The construction is estimated to take 14 months. Thus the completion date will be around July 2019. A dedication ceremony is tentatively scheduled for December 2019. We sincerely hope you could spare time to attend the ceremony to witness God's grace with us.



We are grateful for your concern about the retaining wall. However, we regret to inform that the situation has not changed much. The neighbor has elevated the ground level of their site with earth filling, treating our boundary wall as their retaining wall. It has been more than a year since the wall collapsed last time and the government officials visited us and urged the landlord to discuss with us on the matter. However, the landlord has never showed up. This year's raining season has come earlier and there have been several heavy rainfalls. The wall is very susceptible to collapse every time it rains, in particular the part that is near the bungalow. Please

pray that God would protect us.

Ministries in Chiangrai

Since January this year, the average attendance of the Sunday Service is 23. The relatively high attendance is attributed to some special gatherings. Those who regularly attend include Fong, the Chongs, a mother and her son who recently joined the church, and also Gran who received the loving gift from Hong Kong – a wheelchair. Gran is attending the Sunday service more often this year.



This year, Fong again allowed us to hold primary students fellowship at her home once a month. The attendance is not stable, ranging from 2 to 12. Whenever Job or the short-term mission team taught them Bible, they would listen attentively. We believe that the

seeds of Gospel have been planted in their hearts.

Ivy has joined our teaching team since mid-February. Ivy was previously a teacher with Baan Oon Rak Foster Home. She graduated from Chiangrai Rajabhat University, majoring in Public Health. Susie, a fresh graduate from the Teachers College of Chiangrai Rajabhat University and majoring in Chinese, has also joined us in May. Moreover, Missionary Jin has joined us since May, working as a part-time teacher to assist in teaching English for the nursery and Saturday tutoring classes. Thanks be to God.

Regarding the Saturday tutoring classes, the Chinese-English musical instrument class cum fellowship has 32 students in the first quarter. The teachers included: Debbie, Jessica, Olivia, Ivy, Susie and me. Job is mainly responsible for the student fellowship cum guitar class.



The Chinese-English guitar class cum fellowship in the second quarter started on 12 May. We have 27 students. The teachers included: Debbie, Jin, Sophia and me. Job was mainly responsible for the student fellowship cum guitar class.



I am thankful to Hong Kong Evangelical Zion Church for their short-term mission during 11-21 February. They organized a Lunar New Year Sunday Service. On that day, the new chief of our village, together with her assistants, came to join us. I consider it a recognition of our past work in the village.

During 6-8 May, we assisted in providing interpretation service for a short-term medical mission team from Manila Baptist Church where Jin belonged when they served the mountain churches. This is the first time I have assisted a short-term medical





mission team. During the same period, American missionaries from ABWE and to-be missionary of Canada visited us. Together with the missionaries from Manlia, we had a small reunion of ABWE family.

From 30 March to 6 April, a short-term

mission team from Garden Estate Baptist Church and Un Chau Estate Baptist Church came to serve with us. They organized an Easter Gospel Camp during 1-4 April. Though this is the third time they have held similar camps but there were still nice surprises. They enjoyed happy time and good communication with Thai children with the help of Google translate. The team had also a special duty: witnessing us to



sign the contract of construction of the kindergarten premises. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to them.

About me

I came back to Hong Kong during 6-23 April on holiday. I am thankful to brothers and sisters in Hong Kong for their support and love, particularly Angela and Irene for spending so much time in revamping the financial reports and the reporting method of our ministry in Chiangrai.



I went back to Chiangrai to continue with my busy work. At the same time, I was also grateful for the visits of brothers and sisters. On 2 May, Rev Ma led her fellow teachers and students to visit us and pray for our construction of kindergarten premises. On 11 May, three groups of Hong Kong

people came to visit us, including Rufus and Amy Chung, Leslie and Amy, Anita and her three friends came to visit us together. The three groups did not know one another but co-incidentally visited me on the same day. They had dinner with my team on 13 May. We are thankful for their love and their promise of praying for us.



Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.
Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13:4-8a



1. Pray for

God's preparation of HKD 5 million for the construction of the kindergarten premises. We are still in need of over HKD 3 million. Please keep praying.



2. The landlord of the land adjacent

to ours took our wall as their retaining wall. Now the raining season has come. Please pray for God's protection from dangers.



1. Over 80 people joined the fund-raising walk on 3 March and HKD 157,000 was raised for the construction of the kindergarten premises.



2. Our nursery was successfully registered on 12 March. Thanks for the great help from Mrs. Chong.

3. Beatrice led the school



principals of Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui visited us on 15 January. They intended to organize study tours for their students. Two schools have already committed to visit students of the nursery.

4. Winnie of the Hong Kong ABWE Mission led her brothers and sisters from Cheung Hong Baptist Church to visit us on 21 January and served in the Sunday Service



5. Rev Stephen and Mrs Jenny Ho came to live with us on 25 and 26 January. They used to be missionaries in Chiangrai, and this time they revisited old places and saw old friends. I am

thankful for their love. Pray that God may grant good health to Rev Stephen so that he can continue to serve Him.

6. Mr. Yuen Man Fai, founder of The Media Evangelism Limited came with Rev. Lee to visit us on 24 February. More than 30 years ago, I got to know Mr. Yuen in Calvary Baptist Church. We are both glad to meet each other again.



7. I am also thankful to God for visits and helps from brothers and sisters. They included Debbie’s friend: Pastor Jeffrey and Brother Wong; Eva who often brings brothers and sisters to visit us and helps to strengthen this Gospel base.

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1. Starting from July 10, 2017, you can contact me at +66-84-327-1563
2. If you want to support my mission work financially, please deposit to the following account:
 Recipient: Hong Kong ABWE Mission Limited
 Account number of “Bank of China”: 012-589-00017737
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Some pictures which taking in Hong Kong

