

September 2018 Update

Kim's Comments



I know that the American Thanksgiving is still a few months away, but I wanted to focus on being grateful this month because of some awesome answers to prayer. Back in April, I had asked you to pray about a significant shortfall of funds we were experiencing-and praise God! We received a special gift that exactly met our needs! Thank you for praying! I have also asked you to be praying for the process as we select a new national director, and this past Monday, Khun Ulabay started as IMEMF's new director. Praise God! Ulabay is from the Karen tribe, and has worked extensively with women's projects for the Karen. Her experience coupled with her degree in theology will bring a good skill set to the IMEMF. More importantly, Ulabay has a heart of evangelism and discipleship for children, and feels God has called her to step out in faith for this new position. Please be praying for Ulabay as she transitions into this new role-specifically for good relationships with the 14 staff of IMEMF and making good connections with the 27 women and children who make the House of Love (HOL) their home. (I am pictured above with some welcoming flowers for Ulabay.)

Prayer and Praise

- Our HOL students are nearing the end of the semester, and have final projects plus semester exams looming-please be praying for diligence in their studies, and the ability to work hard and do their best.
- I was happy to see the success of our AIDS seminar with mothers of the children of our House of Blessing (HOB) children. We had 45 attend for a good day of learning.

- Praise God for good health with all of our HOL and HOB kids-it is rainy season, and extra mosquitoes usually bring extra diseases, but everyone is remaining healthy this year so far!
- Besides the special gift for our financial needs, we have also received a grant of over \$20,000. I am grateful that God uses so many to bless the projects here in Thailand.
- I was able to have a month in the USA to visit family and have a doctor appointment. One highlight was being with all of my siblings-the first time we have all been together since my brother died 6 years ago.

September Photos



Khun Saylo, the director of the Center for the Development of Persons with Disabilities (CDPD) was able to travel to Malaysia for the Baptist women's conference. During the trip, she was also able visit other projects. I am so grateful she has these opportunities for spiritual encouragement and professional development!



Making learning "sanuk" (Thai for "fun") is a very important cultural value, and our staff is great at planning activities that impact knowledge. Here, everyone is learning how AIDS is spread. The AIDS seminar had 45 attendees who increased their knowledge of HIV/AIDS- and yes, had lots of fun!



We have pigs! We have already butchered once, and are now raising two more animals that provide meat as well as some money when sold.



Learning cooking skills brings smiles!

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