

# *SANGLIR TIDINGS JANUARY 2016*

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Dear friends,

You may recall our last January newsletter where we mentioned "2015 as the Sanglirs' year of jubilee." It indeed was a jubilant year and we are very thankful to God for meeting us in so many amazing ways and for His abundant blessings throughout this past year. Family friends came from the US to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary at the beginning of the year and 2015 ended with 18 of us from Nagaland in Pua for Christmas. What a blessing to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Christmas in Thailand with loved ones from our home country. The Lord brought many friends and families to visit and encourage us during the year, including short term mission teams to Kathy's Home and the Hmong ministry. Having no full time houseparents at KH this past year was like trying to fly with one wing but God brought in our alumni to help out and it was truly a year of seeing how God works in ways more than we ever ask for. All honor and glory to our almighty God and a big thank you goes to our prayer partners for your faithfulness in the Hmong ministry.

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John, the beloved Apostle of Jesus said in 3rd John verse 4, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth." This verse came alive when I was invited to speak in Kathmandu at the church's Youth Conference last November. I was asked to speak in two different conferences, one after the other, which was quite overwhelming. More than 200 youths from different parts of Nepal attended the conference. I was so humbled to see the children of our friends and coworkers who are now taking up leadership roles in the churches, preaching the gospel and planting churches in different parts of Nepal. Right after the youth conference, the church organized a couple's retreat; it was the first of it's kind for some of the believers. At the end of the retreat we had a time of testimony sharing. One man said that he was very reluctant to go at first, but his wife insisted to attend. He yielded to her and did not regret it at the end. The Lord taught him many things throughout the retreat and he suggested that the church should organize it more often. We all were blessed through this retreat. Please continue to remember Nepal in your prayers that the believers will not get tired in reaching the unreached with the gospel of Christ.

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This past holiday season brought us many open doors to share the Christmas story. With no official Christmas holidays in Thailand, we had the Nagaland team at our house for fellowship and lunch on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup>. The team later went to the market to give out the Christmas Story booklets and tracts. Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> was a Christmas party at KH and early on the 27<sup>th</sup>, we headed to Nam Toang village for Christmas fellowship and a meal with the believers. We then took the team for fellowship with the handful of believers at the house church in Jee Gung on the 29<sup>th</sup> and had dinner together. The school in Pua had a Christmas and New Year celebration on the 30<sup>th</sup>. Phebe, Rongsen, kids from KH and the young people from Nagaland were asked to share the Christmas story through songs and drama. Please stand with us in prayer for the seeds that are sown in the Thai community through songs, drama and tracts. May the Christmas story live on in their hearts and bring forth the fruit of repentance that will last for eternity.

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We welcomed the New Year with team NY arriving on the 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you OCM (Oversea Chinese Mission) for sending the team of 9 with pastor Rocky and Minna. After a gap of 2 years, the kids were so excited to reconnect with the big brothers and sisters. The Christmas Story continued to be handed out to the children at Ban Prang School during the 3 days English Camp. It was also a time of spiritual awakening for the kids at KH during the 3 days of VBS and the

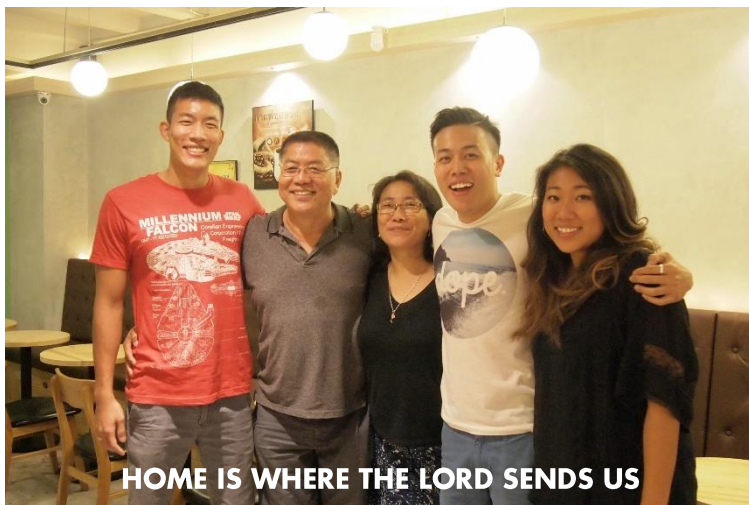
rest of the evenings through the testimonies of the team members and pastors message. The kids are all really looking forward for your next mission trip to Pua! In the words of the children: "Kathy's Home is waiting for you."

Dr. Mike's team of 6 from Wisconsin is here again after 2 years to brighten up KH. They are scrubbing the walls, adding new paint, repairing the doors, mosquito screens on the windows, faucets and building a bathroom on the 2nd floor next to the girls' study room. We are so blessed and humbled to see them serve at KH with their servant heart and hands.

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The icing on the cake for the school year will be completed by the team from GBC (Grace Baptist Church) for our last English Camp in March. Their untiring efforts to come faithfully and teach the children quarterly have helped the children in their studies and walk with the Lord. Thank you team Singapore for being uncles and aunties to the children and fellow workers in this KH ministry.

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*Jason, Mak, Narola, Stephen, Phebe*

Lastly, can we ask you again to pray for coworkers for KH and the Hmong ministry? Please don't get tired of praying with us that God will send a couple or family for full time ministry at KH. Many who are looking for a good job and salary are available but we are praying that God will send someone who will have a heart to serve these children and our extended Hmong families.

In closing, we are rejoicing in what the Lord has done, what He is doing and what He is going to do this year in 2016 as we look to Him in faith. Let us all continue to trust God for the wide harvest that is awaiting us.

Rejoicing in Him,

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