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The first of this month we celebrated Ann's 10th birthday. It's hard to believe she has been with us almost 2 years; she has changed so much. Being in a loving Christian home has truly transformed her life.

The 12th is the queen of Thailand's birthday and so it is celebrated as mother's day. We had a celebration at our favorite coffee shop where the kids all gave Mew cards that they made. She truly is an awesome mother and a wonderful godly woman. I thank God for her every day. Arisa, Ariya and the children that we have rescued are so blessed to have such an awesome mom.



The 13th we celebrated Arisa's and Ariya's 17th birthday. Now that really blows my mind. They are already making plans to go to Charis Bible College after they graduate high school. They are such a blessing; truly awesome godly girls. They are so solid in their faith and the desire to follow God's plan for their life. They know they are called to ministry and want to go to Bible school to help them prepare for a life of taking the gospel into the world.



I was prepared to write about how tragedy struck our green house one evening. As I stood there ankle deep in water watching the roof cave in and split open, further flooding everything, I felt heartbroken. I spent a few days praying, asking the Lord...Why? What should I do now? I know I have learned a lot from the experience and will apply what I have learned when we are able to build permanent green houses on the land for our future needs with the Home of Hope. I felt it was such a waste, I was sad because it appeared that all was lost, all the hard work, all the expense, all the produce

that we had hoped to harvest, gone. I am so thankful that the Lord heard my prayer and he encouraged me through my mother. She pointed out to me that this was an excellent opportunity to teach our children what God's people should do when they face a set back or a failure; we get back up and keep going.

"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again"
(Proverbs 24:16a) KJV

So, that's what I did. I encouraged myself in the word and then showed the kids that we should always praise God and keep going. It turns out that although the roof split and the whole garden flooded, the water finally dried up and all the plants survived. Praise God!



We have spoken to the owner of the large piece of land several times about the possibility of selling us part of the land with the option to purchase more in the future as we grow. He has always maintained that he would only sell the property as a whole. A few weeks ago I felt that we should go and meet the man in person. So we did; we went to his business and explained our ministry in detail and what we planned to do with the land.

After listening to everything, he said he would be willing to sell us one third of the land and then give us the option of purchasing the other two thirds when we grew and as we needed it. It turns out that the land is on 3 deeds belonging to him and his sisters. We were so excited to hear him say this. I believe God is opening the doors for us. We have visited the land many times and have been joined by friends and partners in praying for this land, dedicating it to the Lord. The first third of the land would be perfect for the first phase; we would have room for all the major parts of the Home of Hope. The first phase would include housing, farming and the beginning of the school. The cost of the first third of the land would be \$411,000.

Please pray with us for this need. I believe this is where the Lord wants us to build the facility to be able to rescue, house, educate, disciple and care for thousands of children.

We have an amazing opportunity to go forward and build the facility where we can truly have a huge impact on Thailand for the Lord. We will be able to rescue thousands of children that have been thrown away or orphaned. We can raise up a generation of godly young people that will take the gospel to the rest of Thailand. Will you help us rescue these precious children and reach Thailand with the gospel?

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