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Here's what's new at DeVine Ministries...

What a wonderful improvement! I just celebrated my birthday and how different it was compared to the last one. Last year I was in the hospital for an emergency surgery to remove my appendix. This year my birthday started out like any other day. I went to the market in the evening to buy some fruit and vegetables, thinking I would have a quiet evening with the family, have dinner, perhaps open homemade cards and gladly receive hugs and birthday wishes from everyone. When I got home I was surprised to find not only my family but also our good friends **Chuck and Krissie Cilano**. They had been planning all this without my catching on and what a wonderful surprise it was! We had dinner together, ate birthday cake and then played Pictionary. I am so thankful to the Lord for all our blessings, one of which is the wonderful fellowship of our true friends.



Last Year



This Year!

Chuck and Krissie have been in ministry for many years. They served in Italy for 8 years before coming to Thailand; they have been here for a little over 8 years. They are wonderful godly people of unquestionable integrity. I met Chuck when I first arrived and we worked together to host the first ever mission team to Thailand from Charis Bible College, Colorado. We evangelized a small village near Yasothon and had an amazing time.



"Board Meeting" with Chuck

Chuck is one of the boldest and most driven evangelists I have ever known. After working closely with him for a couple of years I knew God had placed him in our lives for a reason; not only for true unconditional friendship, but for godly counsel, encouragement and fellowship. Realizing the need for local accountability, godly council and advice, Chuck and I agreed to begin weekly meetings. We have faithfully continued our weekly meetings for over 2 years now. I call it our "board meeting"; I am so thankful that God has brought us together.

Truly pioneering on the mission field is something no one is ever really ready for. I am not complaining by any means, but it can be difficult at times, to say the least. In the US, whenever we served in any outreach or ministry program, it was always easy. The program was already laid out, everything was already planned, there was plenty of help and off we would go to speak to people who were lost, but certainly were already familiar with Christianity. Until I came to Thailand I had never met anyone who had not heard of Jesus. Here we search for ways to present the gospel to people in a culture that doesn't know Jesus and has never heard of Christian concepts.



I will say that pioneering here is a wonderful experience; I have grown in my faith and come to know the Lord in a more intimate way than ever before. This environment and our calling forces us to realize our total dependence on the Lord. We pray continually for God's guidance, we know there is so much need here and there are so many "good" things that we could do, however, we want to make sure we are doing exactly what God would have us to do. With His guidance we can be sure to glorify Him and produce fruit that will remain.

We desire with all our heart to produce fruit that will change this nation forever. **We are so thankful for all our faithful partners who are helping us bring the light of God into a dark place that has never known the Lord.** Together we are truly changing this nation.

God bless you,

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