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I was hoping to get this to you before Christmas but it looks like I'm going to make it for New Years! I'm looking forward to 2006 but before we jump there let me share with some tremendous updates from the last months of 2005!

The Phangnga Home (Tsunami) : In November we bought some beautiful land in Kok Kloy, Phangnga Province. It is near the beach, but not too close, has beautiful coconut and mangosteen fruit trees and is near a school. Also we have officially started to build 4 new cottages and a dining/meeting room. We are very excited about the progress of all this and the Knox family that helped me with the Poipet construction have just moved there to help us with this project. Pray the Lord has His hand and protection with this home as well.

Another good report is that the Tsunami Orphans Scholarship Program (TOSP) we started last February is going well with our Islamic friends and we have planned and committed ourselves to a 5 year program to help these orphans. Please keep us in your prayers as we pray that they will know we are Christians by our love! At the bottom of this email I have added an interesting article from the Bangkok post....Glory to God!

Poipet, Cambodia: On December 17th we had a Christmas outreach in Kabal Spean Slum with well over 350 kids! The Preschool kids and the Saturday afternoon kids club did a wonderful little drama of the birth of Christ. The Khmer preschool staff and Julie did an excellent job in getting that all together. It was great to see everyone have a good time and to be with the people there.

Concerning the construction of the Poipet Childrens Home, all is going well. We are about 90% done and by the end of February or early March it should all be done!!!. The kids will probably move in by the beginning of March if all goes well with the drilling of a well and the electricity. Please keep all that in your prayers!

Chiangrai Home: After a few Christmas outreaches to a tribal village and the local school all the homes got together to celebrate the Lord's birthday! It was awesome and we had so much fun. Tam got together the Amazing Christmas race for the older kids and we were all over the province! Celebrating Christmas with 150 kids and staff made me feel like the next best gift beside Jesus is each other. I like that Christmas present, each other, and it doesn't cost a single cent, just an open heart. Thank you Lord for all you give us!

Other MMF Northern Thai News: The Chiangrai boy's cottages are now done and the boys moved in. They're loving it! With the New Year right around the corner, that also means lots of new changes. Lord willing, Kasem Pucha, our MMF director will go to the

United States to improve his English and see how Calvary Chapels develop leadership. The key word is “develop leaders”, as we are at that strategic point in our ministry here in Thailand. Preda, his wife, will join him two months after that.

Tam will be taking over the Discipleship House here in Chiangrai in May, the beginning of the next school year. Nu and Nit finish bible school and will come on staff at the Chiangrai house as house parents/leaders. Asa and Yemui will be finishing the Ywam school of biblical studies in February. Please pray for God’s direction for them.

As for Rose, myself, I will be traveling quite a bit in February and March. Basically keeping an eye on the developments in Poipet, Cambodia, Phangnga Building project and the Chiangrai Center, while Kasem is away. Please pray for my health. I was telling someone the other day “the old grey mare ain’t what she used to be” describing how I feel. We laughed but part of it was so true. I guess above it all, I want prayer for my inner man. The spiritual part of me that I treasure the most with God, my relationship with Him. Thank you for your precious prayers in advance and a heart felt thank you for all the ones in the past for the children and me.

With a gracious and full heart,
Rose

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