



Word from Williams ons

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In our previous update we mentioned that we would be spending "a quiet Christmas" with Cherri's parents. Well, it was even "quieter" than we'd imagined! The day before Christmas the nursing home where Mom

lives went into quarantine because of many residents being ill with the norovirus. Because of that, poor Mom couldn't leave the home or her room, nor could visitors go in to see her. So we postponed our Christmas celebration until after the quarantine was lifted, a long 9 days later.

The day after tomorrow (Thursday) Barrie will be leaving for two weeks in Thailand --- and this time I'm going with him! The first week will be spent in a Conference for missionary leaders from S. E. Asia. I'm really looking forward to getting together with a family who now work in Lauje (where we served for 35 years). It will be great to get caught up on what is happening there in Laujeland, where a big chunk of heart still lies. Following the conference, Barrie will have several days of strategy and planning meetings with the rest of his leadership team.

Almost two weeks ago I broke a bone in my foot, so have to wear a boot cast (from toe to knee!) for another month. Though the boot is blessing because it eliminates the pain when I walk, it is causing me a lot of hip and back pain because I'm walking unevenly. it's going to be very uncomfortable on the long flights, and will definitely prohibit me from walking anywhere in Chiang Mai. Pray I won't be grumpy on the flights. :)

Thanks for reading this, and for praying for us! We love hearing from you, and knowing how to pray for your concerns.

Pray:

— for safe flights to and from Thailand.

— for patience for me wearing the boot cast in hot humid weather. And that my hip and back pain won't get worse.

— for my parents, that they don't come down with this brutal flu that is the worst in ten years. I'm especially concerned for my Dad who lives alone.

—Barrie and the other guys on his leadership team as they seek God's wisdom in how to reach the difficult areas of S. E. Asia.

— for a house or a large apt for us to rent soon after we return from Thailand. We'd like Dad to move in with us. We have to be out of our present apartment by March 30th.

With love and gratitude,

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