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Dear Praying Friends & Family,

Anniversary Update

If some of you are thinking that the picture above looks familiar, you're right. Every year just about this time, I pull it out and add it to our Prayer Update. On March 13, 2013, my wife and I left the United States and headed for Asia. The picture is of us and our arrival in Asia (Cambodia) on the very next day. After spending two weeks with our team in Cambodia, my wife and I headed to the country of Laos. Many of my preacher friends thought we were making a grave mistake. Many thought we were just plain old "crazy." One pastor even said that my going to the mission field would be the greatest mistake that I ever made. By the way, I have made a boatload of them.

Well, after ten years of living and serving in four different countries (Laos, Cambodia, China, and Thailand), I just thought I would say, loud and clear, "These past ten years have been the most fruitful and fulfilling in my 41 years of ministry, and yes, it has been a whole lot of fun too."

My wife Denise would agree 110 percent. We have seen hundreds come to Christ and be baptized. We have helped in the planting and/or establishing of new churches, started a new college in Laos, and started Operation Samaritan's Compassion - a ministry that has helped to meet the basic needs of multiplied hundreds (probably thousands) and has resulted in over 800 saved and about 200 baptized in the past three years. Yet, to be truly honest, most of our time and energy has gone to discipling believers and leadership development.

SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES!!!

Thank you for praying, giving, and loving us over these past ten years while we have had the privilege to be on the field making memories, and by God's grace, making a small difference for Christ and the cause of Christ.

To God be the glory!

Many of you will remember that in our last Prayer Update, I asked for some special prayer for our upcoming Pastors' and Church Leaders' **"I Am Not Ashamed of the Gospel"** Conference. **If you prayed, thank you. Your prayers were answered.** God blessed in a very special way. Many pastors and church leaders, as well as many from our church family, were encouraged, strengthened, and better equipped to serve the Lord during the five-day conference. We even had three trust Christ - including one of the church leaders. **To God be the glory!**

A FEW SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS:

- * Pray for Upcoming Vacation Bible Schools in Thailand**
- * Pray for Upcoming Youth Conferences in Thailand and Laos**
- * Pray for Our Bible Students and Mid-Term Exams**

As always, Denise and I would like to thank you from the depths of our hearts for taking time to read our Prayer Update, for praying, giving, and loving us from afar. We love and appreciate you all!

Your Missionaries in Southeast Asia,
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