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**Dear Friends,**

The rainy season has once again arrived here in Thailand. We have seen rain every day for the past couple weeks. It is amazing how much it can rain here. Although the rain and humidity can be difficult to adjust to, the spring colors are amazing to behold. This is also the time of year when many fruit trees begin to produce fruit. Before moving here, I never realized how many kinds of fruit there are in the world. Although I can't say I enjoy eating every kind, I am amazed at the variety. I am reminded how the Lord will allow difficult times in our lives so that fruit can grow that would not otherwise be there. We may not like the process that is required for growth, but the end result is worth the difficulty.

Speaking of difficult processes, learning the Thai language has been extremely challenging. Some days I feel as though I am making progress, and other days it seems as though I am just trying to stay afloat. However small my ability, it is definitely a blessing to be able to talk to people about Jesus in the Thai language. It is still my prayer that this year I will be able to preach my first message in Thai. I have been working with my teacher on reading the Bible in Thai, and to have a better understanding of the vocabulary used in the Bible. Please pray for my wife and I as we continue to study.

This past month we have been able to see many first-time visitors at church and a few people trust the Lord as Savior and follow in baptism. I believe each person the Lord allows us to have contact with is important. Please ask the Lord to give us wisdom as we continue to follow-up. Many times, the initial contact with people can be easy. The Thai people are very friendly and seem to be open. However, to see real, saving faith and growth can be very difficult. Another missionary here in Thailand has been working at having the book *Changed Into His Image* translated into Thai. That work has just been completed and I am excited to begin using this book with new Christians. Good discipleship material is not always easily accessible. I am looking forward to using this new resource and praying that it will help us see growth.

We are preparing to host a few groups this summer for missions trips. For some this will be their first missions trip. We are excited to have the opportunity to share the ministry here and our burden for the Thai people. Pray that the Lord would also burden more people for the mission field.

**Your Missionaries,**

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