

Hello to all my friends,

I'm sure you've heard women blame their mistakes on "pregnant brain" - well, after yesterday morning when I backed into a parked car, doing considerable damage, I am totally convinced there is such a thing as "jet lag brain"! DON'T DRIVE WHEN YOUR BRAIN IS IN A FOG! Today is a bit less foggy so I will attempt to write a newsletter. To sum it up: What a GREAT trip to Asia! What a DIFFICULT trip to Asia!



David & Dennice Matson

It was GREAT to get into Taiwan for the first time, to get to know the Matsons (what a precious couple!) and to minister to some of their people! I was so impressed with the deep desire of the youth for more of God! The prophetic flowed so easily as I prayed and ministered to them.

It was GREAT to get into China again and be with Pastor Joshua and Ruth! Awesome to see the numerical growth in the last two years! I was told 4 or 5 come to Jesus every Sunday morning. What a

joy to lead Tommy and his Buddhist mother to Jesus and to see the change! A joy to minister every day in large home group settings and in some church meetings! The hunger for more of Jesus is very evident! In order to facilitate the rapid growth, Pastor Joshua shared his vision with me to start a training center for missionaries/church planters/potential pastors. He needs help! As I listened I asked the Lord to connect me with the right churches in Canada that would have a heart to help P. Joshua and his church, Abundant Life, extend the Kingdom of God in their area of China. I will give you more detail about this in the future.



Tommy & his mother & Elsie Welch

It was GREAT to be with Allan Bay and his ministry in Thailand again! I was so encouraged to see and feel new strength in the mother church in Chiang Mai and to see all the good fruit from Allan's ministry! There are many many young men and women that Allan has discipled, who are involved in full time ministry now. What a privilege to be connected with them!

It was GREAT to go up into the mountains to Siriton's home village to do another womens' conference and help equip these precious women. Their hunger and need

was so evident! God was so faithful to come and heal hearts and bodies and to give new strength and vision to them.

It was GREAT going to a mountain location with Siriton and seeing her vision to build a "prayer mountain" facility coming to pass!

How DIFFICULT to make travel plans not knowing if the Bangkok airport would get shut down because of the unrest and large manifestations taking place!

How DIFFICULT not being able to change my ticket to facilitate better routing!

How DIFFICULT freezing in China when a cold front moved in and I had inadequate clothing.

How DIFFICULT sweltering in Thailand with daytime temps hitting 45 degrees! The temperature was as high in the mountains but without electricity there were no fans or aircon! Yet the people came to the meetings and sat in the oppressive heat for hours!

How DIFFICULT when my right eye started really hurting while at the mountain conference. But Praise God for an intelligent, English speaking doctor in CMai who discovered the abrasion on the cornea and prescribed the right treatment!

How DIFFICULT when every flight I was on with Air China was delayed for hours causing me to miss connections!

How WONDERFUL it was when we heard that opposing forces in Bangkok were going to sit down for discussions! A direct answer to hours of prayer and fasting by Thai Christians!

How WONDERFUL to land on Canadian soil and to walk into my little apartment again! GOD IS SO GOOD!

How WONDERFUL to have so many faithful friends like yourselves covering my back in prayer and rejoicing with me in the victories! You are loved VERY much! Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

God loves you and so do I!

Elsie



Elsie Welch, Pastor Joshua & Ruth