

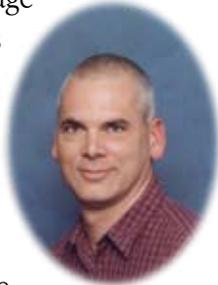


# Holding This End

Daryl Martin, Director

Thanks for joining with us!

The story is told of a young boy in a coastal village. One day the cry went out, “Boy overboard! Boy overboard!” The people from the village rushed to the water to see who it might be. Each mother was asking in her heart, “Is it my child?” They could see him far out in the pounding surf - floundering, sinking. A young man in the crowd grabbed a rope, tied it around his waist, and threw the other end into the crowd, shouting, “Hold this end!” He swam out to the boy. With the last of his energy, he grabbed the boy and held him close. He shouted back to the crowd, “Pull the rope!” The crowd looked to see who had the rope. No one did. The young man and the boy both perished.



**Thanks for joining with us as we hold this end of the rope for those we support and care for.** 🍷

Mary and I will be serving in Central Asia from February 10 to March 10, 2008. Thanks for keeping us in your prayers and holding this end of the rope for us.

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## The Captive is Free

Stories from Sudan

by Lou and Tanja Velasco

Mugo is now 20 but has spent the last five years as a rebel. I met him in prison. Seldom does anyone take the initiative to ask for prayer. Mugo did. He was a little timid but came, held my hand, and said, “My brother, I need prayer.” I felt so much compassion as I prayed for him. It was a glorious moment for me. I saw him teary-eyed and realized he was being ministered to by Jesus, deep within. Later on I could see in his eyes a clear and free man. He was free even while he was in chains. The following week he testified publicly to all inmates how he had been freed from the disturbing and horrible thoughts of the past and since then how he had been sleeping peacefully. Jesus has come so that we might have life and have it full.



There was a time Tanja was very sick in the night. As I prayed for her healing,



God spoke to me about her. I (Lou) have moved from place to place, including to the slums of Agdao to live there. I have gone to places that are not comfortable, and all in faith. Most of the time she was there also. I realize what strength and courage my wife Tanja has. She comes from Germany, giving up all the comfort for these journeys, services, and adventures with God. I am so amazed with her faith. I thank God for her. After that prayer, we slept, and she was better in a few days. Praise God! 🍷

*Lou and Tanja are on outreach in Sudan with YWAM. They are supported by The Second Tunic. They return to the Philippines in March, 2008.*

## Mark and Julie The Ostapovitch Family

It was 1997 when we bundled up our two little girls, Hilary, age 5 and Zoe, age 23 months, and went to work in an orphanage in Asia. We had felt the call to do this while preparing to adopt Zoe but never really thought it would happen so quickly. We spent three and a half years there. This experience changed our lives forever. It also changed our family as we adopted a third daughter, Leanne, while there.

The desire to serve overseas never left, even though we re-established our life in Canada. This was a time of discovery and reconnecting for us, and we are grateful for our time there. But then the opportunity presented itself to return to Asia. At first we were flattered to think that others thought our skills useful, but as we prayed about this opportunity, we realized it was tailor-made for our family. So in September 2006, with excitement and many bags, we returned to Asia.



We are full-time volunteers for an organization that endeavors to meet the needs of the poor and disadvantaged locally and around the world. So instead of serving one group, we have the opportunity to serve and impact hundreds of lives. It is a heavy work that goes beyond our own abilities, but it is a meaningful work. And we are the privileged ones, seeing His kingdom work done in such a tangible way.

Our girls also have the opportunity to be a part of this wonderful community which labors together for Him. They, too, give one afternoon a week to help with the many needs here, and they have a unique perspective on our world and on how we can all make a difference, no matter how old or young you may be. 🍷

*Mark and Julie and their family are supported through The Second Tunic. Additional support is needed.*

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## READ Foundation, Using God's Word to teach by Karl & Elaine Mosby

***“Thank you, Dear teacher; you made me have a heart to love my native language and culture. All these sentences and those letters I can now read! It made me cry.”***

This is just one response of many of the Khmu people of Northern Thailand and Laos whom the READ Foundation is teaching to be literate in their own language. Imagine having never been able to sit and read God's precious word alone because the marks on the pages make no sense to you, even though they represent your own language. It is not surprising that these folks are driven to tears of joy when they can commune for themselves with God through his Word.

This literacy project is being both supported and executed by the READ Foundation in co-operation with the local churches. Initially it was targeting only Christians, but then the non-Christians were asking us to use the same materials to teach them. Such an incredible opportunity was developing for outreach and evangelism by the local churches. One tribal church pastor was amazed as Preto, our literacy teacher, started to teach not just one or two people but fifty people eager to be able to read the scriptures in their own language.



Preto (r) presenting literature to a local pastor

It is humbling to work with men such as Preto who has a passion to see his gift of using vowels, letters, and vocabulary to bring honor to God. He is being blessed by God as he not only teaches but, under the Foundation, creates literacy text books and translated books to help develop the church for all generations.

The READ Foundation has already translated and distributed many materials, but the need always exceeds the supply. There are churches that need our Worship Song Books and literacy primers. There is no shortage of eager people to teach. God's blessing to the READ Foundation in trusting this huge work to them brings with it a sense of huge responsibility as he uses the written word for His glory. 🍷

*Karl and Elaine Mosby and their family serve in Thailand and are supported through The Second Tunic. Karl is CEO of the READ Foundation.*