



Holding This End

Daryl Martin, Director

Looking Ahead

As we look ahead to 2010, Mary and I are planning to be out of the country from the middle of January to the middle of March. The first leg of our journey will be to serve at Baan Jai Dee, the orphanage we support in northern Thailand. We will be accompanied by two young ladies, Julissa Eberly and Jennifer Martin. We will also be able to spend time with each of the three families supported in Thailand. Next, Mary and I will travel to Hong Kong and are planning to receive a team to serve with us at an organization that provides material aid to the poor. Visiting the families supported through The Second Tunic in Hong Kong is also an important part of our agenda. While we are in Asia we will likely travel down to the Philippines to spend time encouraging the five families we support there. 🍷



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The man with two tunics should share with him who has none. Luke 3:11

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How Would it Look?

If all our decisions were made with eternity in view?

by Sorin Joensen

“Only one life will soon be past; only what’s done for Christ will last”

I sometimes marvel at how that one phrase has stayed with me for such a long time, and what a profound effect it has had on my life. That message more than anything else is the reason that I ended up 10,000 miles from “home”.

It is now 10 years since I left the Faroe Islands, located in the North Atlantic. They are about half the size of Rhode Island with only 49,000 inhabitants. Taking a step of faith, I was feeling led to go to New Tribes Missions (NTM) Missionary Training Center in England. I had no idea where God would call me after I was done with the training, but I was sure that God would show me when the time was ready.



Sorin, Corine and Eli Joensen

Along the way I met my wife, Corine, who is from the Netherlands. We are a mission team and God has led us to Thailand where we have lived for 5 years. Our son Eli Samuel was born here. Have there been struggles? Yes, many. Would we want to be anywhere else? No. This is where God has us and we have no plan of leaving. We have only one life to live and for now this is where God wants us to live it.

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How Would it Look cont.

While the tasks that we do are many and different the reason that we do them is the same, to serve Him where He has placed us. The last year we have been working with a local Christian foundation called the R.E.A.D. Foundation (Resources for Education, Awareness & Development). I work as a translation coordinator. At the moment I have the privilege of working together with Tu who is translating Christian material for persecuted Khmu believers and Adjaan Praphaan who translates Gospel materials into Thai.

Please pray for our ministry here in Thailand. Pray that God will continue to make us a light and use us where we are. Pray that we will develop deep friendships with the people around us. 🙏

Sorin and Corine and their son Eli serve in Thailand with the READ Foundation doing translation work.

Christmas Blessing

An opportunity to bless those who are serving

We want to provide an opportunity again this year for you to bless those who are serving with a special blessing this Christmas. If you desire to give toward this, please mark your check "Christmas Blessing Fund". May this be our response to the greatest gift, the Savior/Baby born in a manger. Here are some responses from last year's gifts;

"Wow, Judy, that's an amazing and unexpected gift! Thank you so much! It is very timely as well."

"WOW! I am thrilled!"

"Thank you so much for the financial gift at Christmas. I was speechless in front of the computer."

Thank you for your continued support of the work of The Second Tunic. Without you it would be impossible to support and care for each of the 31 people who are in full time service. 🙏

Vision of The Second Tunic:

The Second Tunic desires to be a bridge,

allowing those with plenty to share with those who have need;

A link, allowing those who have skills and abilities to use them for the good of others;

A shoelace, interconnecting those who send to those who are sent.

Transformation

A new creation, a brand new man.

by Jan Tampac

Joel Runa comes from a poor family. He is 20 years old and has eleven siblings. Unable to complete school due to lack of finances, he got involved in drinking, marijuana, riots and gang fighting. He worked as a laborer, carrying sacks of rice to survive and help his family, but due to his personal needs and poor lifestyle choices, he has not been a help them.

We met recently when we held a youth discipleship camp. He displayed a good attitude and a willingness to learn and to change. He shared with me that he was tired of making wrong choices and was willing to give up his life of sin and darkness. Joel encountered the Lord Jesus Christ personally and was filled with God's love and assurance that his sins are forgiven. He expressed the joy and the freedom he felt and was hungry to read and hear from the Word of God.



Joel (on left) and a friend

Transformation continues to take place in his life. No more drinking, drugs, fighting or hanging out with the wrong kind of friends. Our family has chosen to sponsor him in school and he is now in high school and doing well. He loves to serve in the church and lead worship. He prays regularly, listens to the Word, and is faithful in his studies. Joel is a man of God, a leader of his generation, a future evangelist, pastor, and preacher of God's Word.

Last year his family faced a challenge. His brother was hospitalized, and due to hospital and medical bills, they were forced to sell their house. Therefore, they don't have a place to live and are scattered throughout the community. This is the tragic reality of poverty. 🙏

Jan and his wife, Grace, and daughter, Precious, serve in General Santos City in the south of the Philippines. Theirs is a ministry of hope and reconciliation among the very poor of the community.