

New Life Ministries Thailand



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Thank you for your continued prayers and support for another month. God's grace is always sufficient, and this past month has found us needing more grace than ever before as far as the Children's Home ministry goes. I do have a praise report which I will save to the end of the letter to share with you. Due to the sensitive nature of this report, I will ask that you consider **not** printing this letter, or at least **not** posting it on your missionary boards, etc. We have had to deal with what has been the most heart-wrenching issue that has arisen within the Home during my tenure here. About 3 weeks ago I learned that two of our older girls (ages 17 and 15) were in a "girlfriend" relationship. I learned of this from a chat I discovered on another girl's phone. It was not a situation where they were struggling with desires that they knew to be wrong and thus were seeking help – but rather it was a relationship that they considered very normal. Probably all of the other girls in the Home had at least some knowledge, and doubtless many determined to help keep us (staff) in the dark. I learned with certainty that our second oldest girl, in whom I had trusted and given more responsibility to than any other of our children, had actively encouraged this relationship and intentionally helped to keep it hid from us for months. Because of the seriousness of this issue, and the influence that it has had on especially the younger girls here, I felt it necessary to dismiss these three girls from the Home. I tell you this for the sake of transparency – these are children that you have helped us invest in for many years. These children are not "on the street", but to say that I am heavy-hearted about this is an understatement! Tears are flowing as I am having to try to put these thoughts into words. I have been a dad to two of these girls for over 8 years and to the other for over 5. Still, we have 31 more precious reasons here in the Home, and countless reasons outside, to press on for Christ. Thailand, and it seems the whole world has been infected by this demonic pro-homosexual ideology. With their newly elected government they are set to soon legalize same-sex marriage here. It doesn't matter who approves of it, God's Word still says it is sin!!! Most of you have felt the sting of this to some degree in your own families or churches. I believe it should be dealt with firmly, but compassionately, and with a desire to help people see the truth through the light of God's Word. We have tried to do this in the aftermath. As to what I should have done beforehand, the Judgment seat of Christ will reveal perfectly what should have been done differently. And so I offer no excuses, I only plead for your prayers and understanding.

We are continuing with evangelism efforts outside the Home, and much Bible teaching within. One small group Bible study a few days ago on the subject of baptism led to the salvation of Meenah (soon to be 13), one of the girls we brought into the Home earlier this year. I always stress the "emptiness" of water baptism without having first trusted Christ's finished work on the Cross. Meenah realized that she had never really trusted Christ for salvation. But praise be to our Merciful Savior, that soon changed!!!

Thank you for continuing to stand with us,

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