



Grace Ministries
GIVING CHILDREN A FUTURE AND A HOPE

NEWS FROM THAILAND

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“About 3.1 million children and youth are being left out of the country's education system and are being drawn into major social problems including prostitution, according to the Equitable Education Fund (EEF).” *Bangkok Post*, October 21, 2019

Dear friends,

All but one of our ninety-two precious children returned to us this past weekend. We are always happy and sometimes relieved to receive them back into our care. Our staff are spending time with each child to hear about their time at home or with a guardian and to offer the encouragement and nurture they need. **One little girl who was conceived in violence and rejected by her mother at birth loved spending the school break with Doi and Yao and Rada. Their love is transforming her life.**



Doi, Yao, Rada and I spent September in Oregon with friends and partners of Grace Ministries. We were very encouraged and uplifted by so many people's love for us and for our ministry at Grace. The young family returned to Thailand at the end of September, and **I spent two weeks with friends and sponsors in Ohio. Our heartfelt thanks to all of you who lovingly and generously hosted us and to all of you who have contributed to making our lives and the ministry of Grace Ministries richer and more fruitful.**

Yoke Fong is in Ireland with David at present, and I will join her there in mid-December. We were delighted at the birth of our first grandchild, little Madeline, Jonathan and Sharon's daughter, in September. Yoke Fong is looking forward to visiting Hannah and her husband Phillip in Spain this month. She is much missed here.



We were privileged to give a cash gift to a couple in P Baa's and Yao's village whose house burned down due to an electrical fault.

It was a joy to be able to express something of the love and compassion of the living God to a group of people who are diametrically opposed to all He is and stands for.



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What a blessing to have **Lydia Povolny** from Portland, Oregon, intern with us. It is her fourth visit to Grace, and she has recently joined the Portland committee. She has done a wonderful job of developing our Facebook page and various avenues of social media. And **she has completed our new, upgraded website at www.gmfthailand.org, to be launched on November 1.** We are deeply indebted to Lydia.

A dear couple in Portland once again gave us a gift in order to give all our children and staff an ice cream party. It was much enjoyed and appreciated!

We are delighted to inform our friends and partners that we have begun the building of our new girls' home! It will have a capacity for forty girls and is due to be completed in mid-April next year—just in time for the new school year in May. Heartfelt thanks to those of you who gave so generously to make this dream become a reality. **It will help us to provide a safe and nurturing home for girls from all over Thailand for decades to come.** How much He loves the Thai people! May He give them a love for Him in return.

How good is the God we adore!

Yao & Doi, Ewe & Witoon, Yoke Fong & Charles and all of us at Grace Ministries.

