

THAILAND NEWS

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Beloved Pastor, Church and Brethren:

April to September 2019



After five months straight of serving the Lord in Southeast Asia, we “...bring glad tidings of good things!” The highlight of which was the birth of our *first ever grandchild*, **Jaxon Kemuel Sumatra Quiatchon** on July 11. His birth coincided with the anniversary of the famous 7-11 stores in the Philippines nationwide (we bought lots of buy-one-get-one stuff...I don’t know if they do this in other parts of the world). The time of his birth was 5:55 PM so, our people in Thailand laughed because 555 means “ha..ha..ha” in Thai language; what a funny “twist of God’s providence!” We spent a total of 43 days in the Philippines to fully minister to our dear couple-children Jake and Joanna before and after her normal delivery where Pricila fully enjoyed babysitting for three weeks. She even requested a longer stay but we had to go back to Thailand. I promised her we will return

next year because I have to renew my Philippine driver’s license in April 2020...that gave her comfort. I also took the time to continue mentoring our pastor-son John Mark and help Jaaziel Rei’s photography profession. Of course, my unflinching care of our three churches by preaching, teaching for six Sundays and praying with the pastor and his family is always a consistent routine whenever we go home. It was a fulfilling time and a refreshing period worth all the expenses for the glory of God. We went back to the mission field energized, revived and visited Joseph Paul a week ago in Bangkok praising God that he is getting good results in maintaining his “excellent class level” physically and spiritually as well which brought good favors and points.



In our absence from **LIFE International Baptist Church**, two faithful men – brothers Roger Evangelista (Secondary Teacher in a Thai school/PCTI Student) and Hajji Valdez (ACE-SOT School Principal) took turns in teaching Sunday School, preaching in worship services and going around to different member’s homes for our Friday night Bible studies and prayer meetings. Our ethnic **Akha MaeSuai Baptist ministry** in Chiang Rai was faithfully handled by our Akha pastor Kraisorn Chomue ministering with the Akha Children’s Center where we help supply food, personal and school stuff. It’s a comfort to see God work directly in His ministry with all His power, grace and provision He entrusted to us in spite of our many limitations and struggles.

Two important **PRAYER** items for us: 1st PRAY for the success of our upcoming 2nd Mission Anniversary on December 1 – guest speaker is Bro. Edward Fort from Chicago. 2nd PRAY for God’s leading and guidance about where we need to register our two ministries here in Thailand as the need arises with regards to the Thai Immigration and Labor Department laws for missionaries. I also have the option organize my own Local Foundation but it will entail a huge amount of money about USD 8,700 to register it to the government.

Thank you for holding the line of prayers and support for us,
Jason and Pricila SUMATRA

SUMATRA FINANCIAL REPORT – May 2019 – September 2019

May 2019

Balance from April	US \$ 337.62
U.S. Support.....	1,994.00
Special offering China Grove BC-Willis, TX.....	50.00
Special offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches).....	<u>104.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$2,685.62

Expenses: (Rate US \$1.00 = 31 Baht)

Condo Rent 2 rooms – Chiang Mai	US \$ 210.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	101.00
Family Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.).....	447.00
Subsidy for John Mark & Joseph Paul.....	195.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	209.00
Bibles, Tracts, Sunday School Materials	65.49
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent & misc. expenses)	274.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp.	202.00
Thai Vehicle: Diesel.....	130.00
May 2019 Car Payment (Phils.)	320.00
Thai English Camp to Philippines expenses.....	235.00
Withdrawal/Remittance charges (Thai. Banks/Transferwise) ..	<u>27.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,415.49

June 2019

Balance from May.....	US \$ 264.51
U.S. Support.....	1700.00
VBS Offering from Rodgers BC.....	971.73
S. Offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland- Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches).....	<u>105.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$3,241.24

Expenses: (Rate US \$1.00 = 31 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai.....	US \$ 210.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	65.00
Missionary Legalities: Thai Annual Work Permit.....	101.00
Family Supplies - Thailand.....	195.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	215.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent).....	276.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp	203.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul	175.00
Thai Vehicle – Diesel	60.00
Flight to Philippines: R/T Domestic/int'l Tickets.....	559.00
Family Supplies/Expenses – Philippines	659.00
June 2019 Car Payment (Philippines) & Maintenance	408.00
Withdrawal charges (Thai Banks/TransferWise).....	<u>32.46</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$3,158.46

July 2019

Balance from June.....	US \$ 81.37
U.S. Support.....	2,389.00
S.Offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC)	400.00
Asian Support.....	<u>130.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$3,000.37

Expenses: (Rate US \$1.00 = 30.50 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$ 214.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	33.00

July 2019 cont.

Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	120.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent).....	179.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp.	398.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	165.00
Thai Vehicle: Diesel	30.00
Philippines Expenses: Family Supplies.....	400.00
July 2019 Car Payment (Philippines).....	280.00
Subsidy to Joanna’s Baby delivery (Hospital expenses) ..	320.00
Jason/Pricila ENT Check-Up & Medicines	100.00
Withdrawal charges (Thai Banks/TransferWise)	<u>34.43</u>
Total Expenses	US \$2,273.43

August 2019

Balance from July	US \$1,420.36
U.S. Support.....	1,586.00
S.Offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC)	200.00
Asian Support.....	<u>102.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$1,907.00

Expenses: (Rate US \$1.00 = 30 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$ 217.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	160.00
Food & Family Supplies	599.00
Annual Payment to Rainbow Covenant Foundation for Visa and Work Permit Services.....	700.00
Subsidy for John Mark & Joseph Paul	225.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	160.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent, misc.).....	305.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp	200.00
August 2019 Car Payment (Philippines)	384.00
Thai Vehicle: Maintenance, Parts & Diesel	160.00
Withdrawal charges (Thai Banks/TransferWise).....	<u>63.95</u>
Total Expenses	US \$3,173.95

September 2019

Balance from August.....	US \$ 46.71
U.S. Support.....	1,926.40
Spec. Offering for Pricila from Dearborn BC, Aurora, IN ..	50.00
S. Offering for Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support	<u>105.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$2,328.11

Expenses: (Rate US \$1.00 = 30 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$ 217.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	90.00
Family Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.)	400.00
ENT Medicine	35.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	150.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent).....	285.00
Akha Children’s Center	202.00
September 2019 Car Payment (Philippines).....	384.00
Thai Vehicle: Diesel/Maintenance	100.00
Withdrawal charges (Thai Banks/TransferWise)	<u>22.00</u>
Total Expenses	US \$1,885.00