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Thailand

“It has been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ is not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.” Rom. 15:20

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Dear Friends,

To “Go and make disciples of all nations” requires both goers and senders. Getting senders to send and goers to go is not always an easy task. My ambition for the task of bringing the gospel to those in other countries who have never heard began in 1975, a year after I became a believer. I was living in a Christian commune and had just heard from a couple of brothers who returned from a trip to Central America. At that second, I just knew that I needed to be a goer. From that point on, I put my whole heart into everything I was asked to do, excitingly learning new skills; believing that someday I would use those skills in a foreign land. I looked forward to the day that the commune would recognize my calling and send me.

A little later, we all moved to a secluded ranch in the desert near Wickenburg, Arizona. As time progressed, our group began to stray into a different direction. Talk began to circulate of a coming war to protect America from those who were leading it away from the basic tenants of the constitution. Soon, we found ourselves constructing a large edifice for bringing together like-minded vigilantes. Funds were gathered to build up an arsenal. Not only were they not sending, anyone who left was considered going into the “devil’s hands.”

With all this going on around me, my thoughts were in a different direction. Gazing down at the Hassayampa river flowing through our property, I would tell myself, “When the battle begins, I am out of here. I will follow that river until I reach Mexico. There, I will find some unreached tribe to live with and spread the gospel.”

Finally, in fall of 1981, I couldn’t wait any longer. The leader’s son, who had come with family, joined us just a few months earlier and was quickly placed in an eldership position. Thinking that he might be more objective than the other elders, I decided to discuss with him my desire to leave and to go to the mission field. It turned out to be the right decision and we left together.

Not long after that, I found myself in a Mecca for those of us who were called to go. That Mecca was the combination of Liberty Church, Liberty Bible College and their mission agency Globe Missionary Evangelism in Pensacola Florida. At that time, God anointed certain men with a gift of connecting the goers with the senders. Annually, a mission conference was held at various churches in the area. In an auction-like atmosphere, goers were individually displayed on stage while senders vied to have a part in sending. Bids were shouted out as monthly faith promise were being made to partner with different goers. It was through this method that Karen and I were first sent. Now, after living out of suitcases for six months and driving over 16,000 miles to connect senders to Karen’s and my vision of going, I find a much deeper indebtedness and appreciation for those gifted men from the 70’s and 80’s who did most of it for us.

We are now back in Vancouver, WA with only a month left before we board our plane to Thailand. We are in a whirlwind of sorting, packing and getting our mobile home ready to sell. We want to thank everyone of you senders who have now brought us to the 90% mark of being fully funded and for those who are praying for us. Please pray for a quick sale of our mobile home and for a peace as to how to fit our lives into six suitcases. Thank you for your prayers and partnership.

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