



# Missionary Musings

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My life, as I am sure yours, has drastically changed. Because of...a teeny weeny little virus. That, plus my rapid descent into unemployment. In Thailand, a curfew from 10 pm to 4 am with only grocery stores, pharmacies, gas stations, restaurants –take out only, banks, convenience stores, and hospitals are open. Beauty salons, many hotels, and public parks are closed. No international postal mail. There is restricted movement between provinces; very few incoming international flights.

The government changes its policies regularly, without warning. Thank God that He never changes! Certainly, our lives have been changed, with many unknowns for the future. I pray that you are safe and healthy as I am. As Christians, we know that God is really in control, regardless of what happens. He is trustworthy!

As we trust Him, may we be a beacon of peace to our frightened neighbors. Jesus said, “A thief has only one thing in mind—he wants to steal, slaughter, and destroy. But I have come to give you everything in abundance, more than you expect—life in its fullness until you overflow.” John 10:10 (Passion Translation) Let us live the abundant life in these days of uncertainty. Let’s let our light shine as a sign that we know whom we have believed and are persuaded that He is able to keep that which we have committed unto Him against that day.

I thank God, my neighbor, nicknamed December, was not killed when his big motorcycle collided with a truck (broken arm, screws/plates). MD, now in England, is still hoping to return to his family in Thailand. He continues to grow in the Lord. New cases of COVID-19 continue to decrease with only 9 yesterday. All that I know in Thailand are COVID-free, though my pastor’s wife was hospitalized with dengue (in her case) hemorrhagic Fever (a mosquito-borne illness) at the beginning of the month. She is recuperating now at home.

Years ago, I started translating a second booklet of healing prayers called, “True Confessions” by Linda Schubert. That is my primary work now that everything else is closed down. I lost my translating assistant (who knows more than I do) due to pregnancy and the project died. It is now risen.

Please read this. There is no mail going from Thailand to America due to COVID. I cannot send out a thank you letter (and picture) to those who are able to support financially. If you would like to receive a notification, send me an email at [karengwelker@gmail.com](mailto:karengwelker@gmail.com). Or even if you just want to say, Hi! How can I pray for you?

- Karen