



# Missionary Musings

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## Dear praying friends,

My heart is being filled with joy as I continue on my journey in the US. Thank you for your prayers. I am not only settled in the US but also content here. That is a big change and was very necessary.

Those who have known me for over 10 minutes know how stubborn I can be, and while I had moved to the US, my heart was in Thailand. What made the difference? YOU praying for me was a big part. Globe International has made me feel more than welcome here and has been very gracious to me. I love my church which exemplifies its name...Charity Chapel. I have new friends from all over the world (Bolivia, Kenya) who have spent time at the Launch Center. What a blessing to serve with Globe and my new friends.

I taught a Wednesday night Bible study on "Heroes of the Faith", which only last 6 weeks, but we had a great time. I continue to serve as I can at the church in the kitchen and also the community. Last Saturday, a Christian organization called Reimagine, joined with other Christian and government and NGOs to reach out to a community near Charity Chapel. Everything was free: grocery staples and meat, cooked hotdogs, children's books, community service organizations gave out information. Our church made and gave out "whisper phones" which help children hear themselves when they read out loud if they are having trouble. I got to pray with a few folks during that time. I also took a train ride that Christian bikers had at this outreach. I told them I was concerned about the safety of the vehicle (not really, but they knew that) and they let me take a trial spin in the last seat! It was fun.

My shipment came from Thailand around Mother's Day. My kind nephew went to the port to pick it up and I visited with his family and attended soccer games on Saturday, went to church with my niece's family on Sunday before returning with 18 boxes of stuff. Globe insisted that I take the company van which held all my "stuff". I was excited to see clothes I had forgotten I had, the artwork which hung on my Thai walls, and mementos from friends around the world.

The Launch Center has been keeping me busy. I had Globe board members staying there as well as a Bolivian family whose daughter just graduated from Pensacola Christian College. It is wonderful to meet such interesting, caring folks. I was gifted with several Bolivian souvenirs as well as a popcorn maker to be used at the Center. I have instigated serving popcorn at the Globe office during the morning break. I am sad to report that the staff are all addicted....I get texts asking me if I am coming to the office that day and others comment that they don't smell the popcorn yet. Lord, please forgive me for encouraging this addiction!!!

My health is pretty good. I am feeling tired more often than before and not sure of the reason. I have my yearly physical this Thursday. My heart is still under investigation as it beats irregularly at times. I passed the test to get a CPAP machine from Medicare, please pray that it will come soon. Because of the recall, it takes several months to get a new machine. It may be because of my heart or sleep apnea but I am hoping this week will sort it out. I am learning transformational prayer to help me learn when my emotions don't jive with what God's Word says. It is helping. Blessings to you all. Thank you once again for all your prayers. Please, please don't stop.

Hot, my grandson, has covid but is doing well at home. He is still in university but he is helping his folks sell their baked goods. Thailand has announced they are hopeful to end the endemic by June 1. But that is Thailand and they remain optimistic, sometimes without cause.

- Karen