

## FROM MY HEART

I have found that one of the most difficult things to try to get people to understand when it comes to answering their questions of why and how come in regard to decisions you make, is the word "Commitment".

When I said yes to the call of God on my life it involved a commitment to God, to the ministry He called me to, and to Rhema Thailand with whom I am currently working. Commitment has to do with obligations, dedication, loyalty, devotion, steadfastness, faithfulness, responsibility. That means as a missionary, I surrendered everything without reservation or concession to the will of God.

My commitments to God, the ministry to which He called me, and to Rhema Thailand involve fulfilling assignments and responsibilities incurred. This has to do with being a person of my word, even at times, to my own hurt. (*Psalm 15:4b . . . He that swears to his own hurt and changes not*)

On February 20, 2016 my father passed away.

I was not able to be there at my father's bedside or to be at his funeral. I thank God for a family that understands, that on the mission field there are times when you just cannot drop everything and leave.

There are some who may think you are cold hearted and do not care about family you left behind when you deployed to the mission field, but that simply is not true. I loved my Dad very much and it hurt deeply not to be able to be there not only for him, but also for my Mom.

I am sharing this because I really want people to understand the reality of being on the foreign mission field and that reality is this - "There is a price to pay".



Truthfully, there were two reasons why I did not fly back to the US.

First of all, the finances just were not there for us to do so. Being on the missions field here is not a paid position for us and we have to operate within whatever contributions come into our ministry.

Secondly, there were things that had already been put into motion regarding the expansion of the ministry here in Thailand to which I had committed to.

The directors here at Rhema Thailand are wonderful people to work with, always have your best interest at heart and of course their desire was that I make the trip to be there with my Dad.

With the directors of Rhema Thailand already being in the US, and after much prayer, I really felt I was to remain here and move forward with the seminars that had already been scheduled and prepared for; the graduation of the students in our extension school in Myanmar; and with the opening of the new extension school in Mae Sot.

I thank God for His grace and peace that enables you to endure and bear all things and joyfully remain committed to fulfilling your assignments and responsibilities even in the midst of personal grief.

Am and I are going to do our best to get to the US sometime toward the middle or end of March. I really do need to see my Mom. We also would like to get to Tulsa to see my daughter and to Alaska to visit my home church family there. It has been nearly two years since I have been to the states.

We would very much appreciate your prayers as we stand believing God for provision for this trip.



### HOME CARE GROUP

Am is now hosting a home care group every Thursday evening in our apartment. The group is growing with each passing week.

The home care group is a time of fellowship around worship, sharing the Word of God, prayer and good food.

Am has extensive experience in home groups and through this group Am is developing leaders who can start and lead other home care groups.

### MYANMAR GRADUATION

I have always enjoyed making the trip to Myanmar to teach in our extension school there.

This last trip however, was a special one because I had the honor of presenting the commencement address to our graduating class.



As a gift to show their appreciation, Am and I were presented by the church traditional hand woven Koran outer garments.



### BAN HUAI KAPAI SEMINAR

We traveled to the Province of Mae Hong Son to do a seminar in the village of Ban Huai Kapai located up in the mountains of Northwestern Thailand. Leaving Bangkok at 5 am and after winding through the 100's of curves and switch back after switch back through the mountains, we arrived in the village around 6 pm.



We were especially blessed to be accompanied by our dear friends Yah and Am. They volunteered to drive us and since Yah was born and raised in the village we were headed to, it was a tremendous blessing to have them with us.



It was a powerful time of ministry both in the morning and evening sessions.

I am so thankful for Am. She is a tremendous blessing to me. I was led to have her minister one of the evening sessions and she brought forth a powerful word which blessed many.



Since we were ministering to the Koran mountain tribe people, even though most understand Thai, the primary language is Koran and we were blessed to have sister Rosebell to interpret for us into the Koran language. Rosebell operates an orphanage in the village as well as several other orphanages which all together comprise of over 1,000 children.

Am and I especially want to express our gratitude and appreciation to our supporters. We are so thankful for you and always thank God on remembrance of you.

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Gary Hausman