



Merry Christmas



Some years that's easier to say than others. Many of us in the United States are struggling like never before to keep our businesses, homes, and investments intact. We wish all of you God's blessings. We promise to work diligently to help you keep your insurance expenditures as low as possible.



On the other side of the world it hasn't been the easiest of years either. The Myanmar Army has stepped up its attacks against the Karen and other tribes along the border: burning down villages, destroying crops and then filling the rice paddies with land mines, shooting fleeing villagers. The refugee camps in Thailand have been bursting with new arrivals that are fleeing this onslaught.

Thankfully, a sizable number of refugees had previously been processed out of the camps into the US at the end of the Bush administration, thanks to the efforts of former First Lady Laura Bush. Please pray for these new arrivals to the US as they try to assimilate into a world so vastly different from everything they have ever known.



All of our ongoing projects are doing well: The Free Burma Rangers are needed more than ever due to the escalated attacks in Myanmar; our villages are growing, and the children in the orphanages and schools are doing well and making progress learning - all thanks to you.

The focus of this year's Christmas contribution is on the migrant workers in the western region of Thailand just below Maesot. We have helped for many years now supporting the work of Pastor Uthong and his Wife. They minister to the poorest of the poor, and are incredibly self-sacrificing in many ways. In the past we have provided funds for food, buildings, water pumps, musical instruments, and a motor cycle.

This year we are finally going to provide them with a four-wheel drive pickup truck. They have been in need of this for years but we haven't been able to address it until now.



Pastor Uthong has three or four churches he pastors, which are spread out over dozens of miles. The churches have to be centrally located for the people attending them because their only mode of travel is by foot. Pastor Uthong has been travelling to them by motorcycle, tractor, or anything else that would take him.

In the rainy season, however, when the mud is two feet deep, there are only two ways to reach these remote regions: by 4-Wheel Drive or by foot. Having been with Pastor Uthong on some of these treks, I can tell you that walking 3-5 miles in the mud while carrying rice, etc. is not fun (ask me sometime about my motor cycle adventure on a muddy hill side). More importantly though, going on foot severely limits what you can bring in to help the people. A truck will also help with transporting children to school and medical evacuations.



As in the past, we are making a donation on your behalf for Christmas. For those of you, who wish to make an additional tax deductible donation, please make your checks payable to "Remnant Ministries" and forward to us for processing (8901 Misty Hollow Lane, Nokesville, VA 20181).

If you are new to our services this year, you can read our previous Christmas letters on our website at www.americanbenefitsplanning.com/christmas.html

Thank you again for your loyalty and friendship. We will do our best to keep deserving it. God Bless you in the name of Jesus!

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