



Prayer Letter of January & February 2025

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"Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road!" Luke 24:32



Dear Prayer Partners,
Greetings and happy Lunar New Year in 2025!
2025 marks 30 years since arriving in Thailand, making it a special year. To start the year, the OM East Asia leadership and officer teams held a Silent Retreat in Chiang Mai from January 15-21 to reflect on our spirituality. I was blessed with solitary confinement in silence, eating alone at intervals, attending two meditation meetings each morning and evening, participating in the Lord's Supper, and having precious time each day to walk with the Lord through His word and prayer. The words spoken in silence, "I have been with you," "I love you," and "I will guide you on your journey," reminded me of the two disciples who walked through Emmaus with promises and blessings. If I compared myself to a tree, I would have tried to see my stature and the fruit I bear in the world, but God revealed my invisible weak roots through the silent retreat. It was a blessed time to experience the depth of spirituality in my encounter with the Lord.

7 Fountains Jesuit Retreat Center Labyrinth

The year 2024 will be a year full of God's blessings and grace. We thank God for opening the OM East Asia Mission field and filling the OM ministry in 16 countries with finances. We are grateful to all those who have worked with me in prayer and materially. Among the topics of gratitude for 2024, 1) We have been praying and building local leadership with vision. I was blessed with the appointment of regional representatives in Indonesia and Cambodia at the end of October. 2) Brother Jeremy (Myanmar), who serves in Doulos Hop with the Mekong Leadership Scholarship, has completed his two-year term and has been extended for another year with the scholarship. We are happy that the impossible passport renewal was miraculously resolved and that he continues to serve Doulos Hope as a Book department leader. 3) We are grateful for the financial support that has been given to the victims of the floods and typhoons in the Mekong and Nepal since September, especially in the north of Vietnam (Hanoi and Ha Long Bay), which was the most affected by the typhoon. The families living in tents could repair their roofs and return to their homes. We are grateful for the vision to raise the local people to be leaders of their country and the provision from all the donors around the world to support the Mekong Yagi relief project.

East Asia Area Coaching/Mentoring Coordinator: We are delighted that Esther completed the Coaching Academy last year. She hopes to instill a culture of coaching and mentoring in the OM EAA to support the spiritual health and self-development of the 480 OM East Asia missionaries. **Pray for the ministry as she starts to serve in February.**

Woody is busy setting up 2025 projects in 14 countries and preparing for financial development. **Pray for good communication with field leaders in each country and the projects that have reached the least.**

Woody will attend the OM Malaysia Board Meeting on February 26th and the OM Korea Board Meeting on March 11th to prepare the path of each field ministry. **Pray for productive meetings and safe trips.**

ILM International Leaders' Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (21-26 March) All leaders from OM will share the theme of "Mission Sustainability." It's also the year of installing the international director and inviting donors to a fundraising event. **Pray that the Holy Spirit's compelling work will create synergy among the leaders and donors to send the light of Jesus into the world.**

Thank you for your prayers and support throughout the 30 years of the partnership.
Blessings,

Woody and Esther Kim

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