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Dear faithful prayers partners and supporters

In Job 42:2, Job proclaimed, "I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no **thought** can be withholden from thee." The word "thought" in Hebrew also means plan. Indeed, nothing in this world can withhold or stop God's plan – not even the current pandemic.

I am pleased to report that the ministries in Thailand, Myanmar and Singapore are still going strong.

THAILAND

As Thailand is seeing a second wave of COVID-19 infection, new measures of restriction are put in place in many provinces. In Phang Nga, where our church is, we have to temporarily suspend our Sunday children's programme. The plan is to resume activities some time this month or early March. On the other hand, the school ministry for the Burmese children has not been affected though, since it's technically a school. For that, we are thankful.

In mid-January, our centre near Takuapa Bus Station (about a 15-min drive from CDC) started a fitness club. The goal is one of outreach to draw the youths to Christ. We are seeing a steady stream of youths using this facility on a daily basis. Prayerfully, it will not be long before we see some of them make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

MYANMAR

Schools in Myanmar are still closed due to the pandemic. It is expected to reopen in May this year. The staff at HOPE Children's Home went the extra mile to ensure continuity of education for the boys. Because of their dedication and willingness, we have been able to run a mini school in our premise since last August. Hence, the boys have not missed much of their academic work because of this initiative.

On 1 Feb 2021, we received news that the military of Myanmar had declared a state of emergency (coup d'état) for one year. The newly elected government was rejected by the military and many elected leaders, including their de facto leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, were detained. Needless to say, it created massive confusion and uncertainty for this country. As this point of writing, I am not able to give you any conclusive report, except that our ministry in Myanmar is still business as usual. For that, we are thankful to God.

SINGAPORE

In late Nov 2020, my family and I moved our membership to Heritage Baptist Church. This church is now our home and sending church.

I continue to mentor a group of youths and young adults in a weekly Bible study (via ZOOM). This group was first formed in 2016. From a group of 3, we now have 7-8 people meeting regularly. I am also a board member and spiritual mentor of a halfway house here in Singapore. It is so wonderful to be a part of a ministry that is helping offenders and ex-offenders turn their lives to Jesus.

Hannah will be a teenager this year. Yes! Time flies. She is now in Secondary 1 and is enjoying this new learning journey in her life. Poh Lai keeps herself busy with a weekly Bible study and the accounts work of the ministries in Myanmar and Thailand.

Once again, we want you to know that we are very thankful for your partnership in the Lord's ministry. We do not take this for granted. Please continue to pray for the GOHs wherever you GO!

In Christ, Jason, Poh Lai and Hannah Goh John 3:30