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FROM THE HARVEST FIELD...

Rising When Everything is Trying to Pull You Down

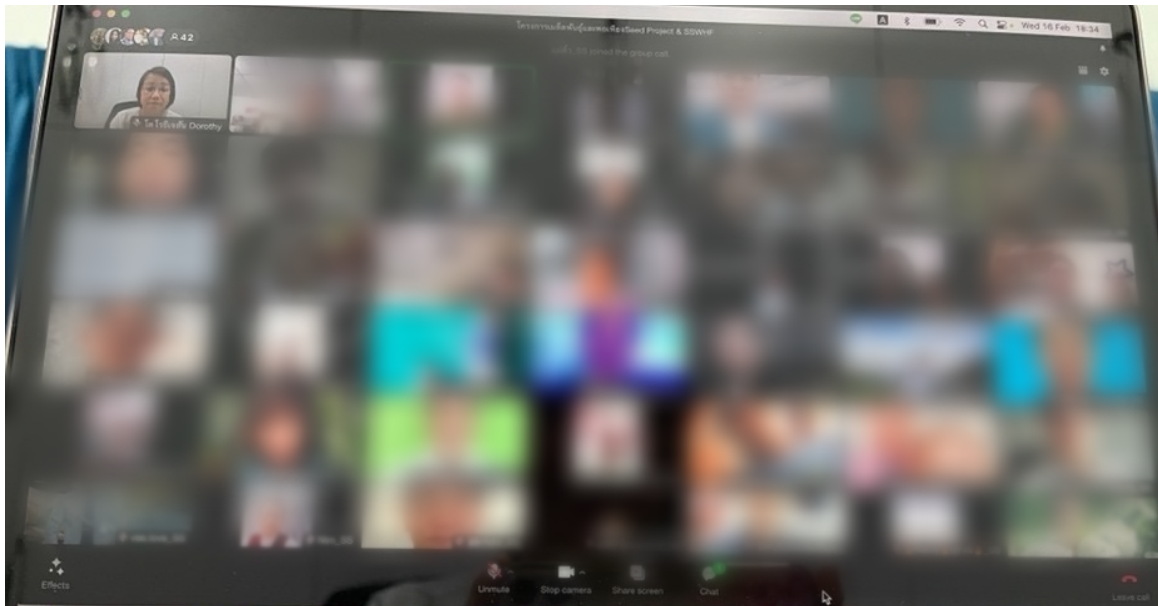
Dear friends and supporters,

I must confess that I feel very vulnerable in these two months. Pressures are on every front, inside I am crumbling, but I know I must remain strong. To be authentic, I know I need to be truthful and to humble myself. 2 Cor. 12:9 comes to mind, “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in your weakness.” In such a time, I thank God for good friends who come forward to offer help from afar, for team members who are rising and helping to carry the load. I am probably not alone in this experience. My moments of weakness allow for the power of Jesus to come to work in me and in our work. He let us know that He is more than enough when we own up to our lack and our absolute need of Him.

In the shifting sands of uncertainty amidst the world events around us, we have chosen to become carriers of hope in a time of despair. To date, besides increasing our own food production, we have been able to help a hundred farming households in our neighborhood



and other northeastern provinces to buy seeds, fish, chicks, ducklings, farming tools and the likes. When our neighbors come to receive the financial aid, they also learn how to make chemical-free fertilizers!



The food security project funded by your generous support has really gained momentum. Generosity begets generosity. We have started an online network with various leaders in this poorest region of Thailand. Many are sharing their expertise and knowledge on agriculture, especially on planting safe and chemical-free food. They are even sending seedlings and their produce to each other to encourage one another.



On our own land, we are also planting more and enjoying the fruits of our labour. We want to be intentional in our effort to make self-sufficiency agriculture a part of our education program for the students of Harvest Learning Center. Read on to find out more.

There is a sense of excitement in the air during these hard times and many recognise that God must be at work, meeting our needs both physically, emotionally and spiritually during our most needy moments. We wouldn't be able to do what we are doing without all your support, encouragement and prayers. Thank you very much. We wish you every blessing for good health and divine protection.

All for the Harvest,

Dorothy Jason

President

World Harvest Foundation

HLC Update - Emphasis on Agriculture

By Mike Jason, Principal

We are preparing to celebrate the Songkran festival from the 13th through the 15th of April. Much of the tasty food we will be enjoying and sharing with our students' families and our neighbors during the upcoming festival are products produced by our team and our students here on our own land.

We have an abundant supply of naturally produced rice in our store-room, and our fresh chemical-free products include: mangoes, papayas, bananas, guavas, soursops, lemons, oregano, basil, sweet basil, holy basil, coriander, chilies, corn, cucumbers, lettuce, tomatoes, Thai tomatoes, spring onions, brinjal, cabbage, pumpkins, sweet potatoes, radishes , kang kong, Chinese celery, butterfly pea, and mushrooms.





Our knowledge about agriculture in Northeast Thailand is increasing, in large part due to the locals who are happy to share their knowledge and experience. We are especially thankful to have Teacher Seth on our teaching team. Seth is a hard-working farmer who has a patient way of sharing his knowledge with anyone who is interested in learning. Recently Seth taught us how to grow straw mushrooms. We invited our neighbors in to observe as we made a video presentation documenting our mushroom project. Two weeks later our initial straw mushroom harvest was not disappointing. Currently, we are experimenting with several types of natural fertilizers to see if we can increase the harvest even more.

Please pray for our students and their families. Ask God to create strong bonds between the parents and the children during this holiday break. And pray that Harvest Learning Center will be able to fully open our on-site education program after Songkran on 18 April. Thank you for your faithfulness. And as always, thank you for your continued sacrificial financial support.

Inspiring the Next Generation

By Kris Dollisen, Vice-Principal

Since the pandemic broke out, many children in Thailand have been out of school for prolonged periods of time. It has greatly affected their education. One of the children in our neighborhood was out for so long that she forgot how to write her name in Thai. We've heard many stories about primary school students who do not know how to answer their modules and just google the answers and copy them down on their answer sheets. Education for the younger generation has been disrupted greatly, and this entails great danger for the future society that they will be living in.

Despite all the difficulties, our students at Harvest Learning Center are very grateful that they have the opportunity to study. Their learning hasn't stopped, regardless of whether it has been an online or an onsite learning situation. This situation has taught them flexibility. Although they needed to adjust over and over again in very rapidly changing environments, they continued learning. Their parents are also trying their very best to contribute and to support their children's educations.

In the past few years, I have seen numerous amazing projects that World Harvest Foundation has been able to do and build because of your generous donations. I am in awe of how God has provided in the midst of the crisis. The completion of the school building and the security wall are examples of those miracles. As an eyewitness, I have seen how the land has progressed from being bare paddy field to a multi-functional site. I have become aware that these physical structures have become the Foundation's assets. They are beneficial and can be used for future generations. As an educator, I am seeing the process of molding our young people's lives. I know that these students are the nation's assets. How we value them now will create a great impact in the future.

Our vision is empowering world changers – and these young people are a very significant part of this vision.

These children and youth will be living and leading when we, the older ones, leave this world. We cannot afford to lose them now. In this day and era where true education is often being stolen from them, what should we do as their predecessors? There is little we can do, but our willingness to take part in and support the learning of these young people can make a huge difference. A speaker recently inspired me with these words, *“We exist not only for those who are around us, but also for those who are not here yet.”* Would you invest in the lives of these future leaders now, that they may continue to carry good values and true knowledge to those who are yet to come?

In view of raising leaders for tomorrow, we appeal for your support today. Help us to raise funds for **Inspire Education Welfare Fund** this year. Your donation, great or small, matters so much to every child in at Harvest Learning Center.

Investing in the lives of these children would be an investment that could neither be sold nor stolen, for these lives are precious yet priceless. Thank you for joining us in inspiring the next generation.

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