

Manna Home Thailand

October update: 3 teenagers are leaving Manna Home. Stang, 17 and Stamp, 14 are going to live with an Aunt in Bangkok to work and study. They have lived at Manna home for 10 years. Pong is 18 and he wants to work and study close to his home so he can help his family.

Covid is still bad in Ratchaburi but numbers are decreasing. Manna home is being asked to take in children from covid affected homes and have to turn them away. Some of these children become orphans. Kru Sim really wants to help them but Manna home doesn't have enough budget to take care of them all. They may be considered case by case next semester.

13 children have received the Pfizer vaccine.

School starts again this week and is still online. Some devices, internet system, computer and printer need to be repaired and new items bought. They will make everything ready to support the children's learning.

The children have been on holidays this month so there was a lot of construction being done as there had been a lot of heavy rain and floods. They are going to repair roofs and chicken house. They will build more living areas for more children. Some people have donated money for repairs and building.

The KBC missions group is in email contact with two people associated with Manna home and will now get regular updates.

KBC have been raising money for the home through love offerings and Karen has been crafting cards, masks and reusable bags to sell and proceeds are being sent to Manna home. If you wish to contribute please put in a love offering or you can buy 100% cotton 8 ply (3 balls per bag) for Karen to crochet up.

These bags are being sold for \$20 each.



Photos of home life



Online school



Building vege gardens



MAF

From Yvonne and Doug

Our news is that we have been asked to return to Arnhem Land to the town of Nhulunbuy for a year. The Manager Ruth Jack and her husband are returning to Scotland in December and they want Doug to mentor someone who is in the pipeline for the position. We are driving over so that Yvonne will have available transport over there but this trip will take us five days driving 8-10hr days. We leave on November 18th arriving November 22nd.

Please pray for a safe journey and for Debbie who is adjusting to the idea. Yvonne is flying back to Cairns on Dec 11th in time for Deb's birthday on the 14th and then they are both flying back to Nhulunbuy on the 20th in time for Christmas. Deb will return to Cairns by herself on the January the 8th.

Pray we get everything done in the next two Weeks



The Meyers, Bangladesh

It has been good to be out of lockdown, though somewhat cautiously. Schools are operating in hybrid mode, with one or two days a week at school, and the other days at home online. It is wonderful to see the kids again, but we are discovering how much has been lost, and how badly some teenagers have been affected by 18 months of staying inside and not going to school. The teachers are tired, but have done a valiant job and carry on. Ross is trying to get many administration and financial issues sorted in both schools.

Chandpur

The saga of the non-supportive Chandpur officials carries on. They have realised that we have a constitution, we are a private school, and that we cannot just suddenly change and obey all of their Government School rules and requirements... so I guess that is progress. They still withhold the teachers' salaries, call meetings with no notice, berate us and make it hard for us. However, the teachers are bearing up and it is making them realise how much they don't want to lose what they have learnt and begun to practice. We still need prayer and we need to see some changes in Chandpur. Perhaps some good things will come out of this tough time there.

GEMS

The death of Mira Dores, one of our first teachers at GEMS, was difficult. She was buried, the third in a row of graves, and it was a shock to realise that we knew all three of the last people buried in the Christian cemetery. It has been such a year of death

here. Our area in Dhaka still has some Covid, but more worrying is the Dengue and typhoid at present. Please pray for GEMS school and the community around here. Khushi and Kenny's daughter seems to have long covid, and several students have dengue or typhoid.

We are so excited to be going to Canada for Christmas. NZ's closed borders make it too difficult to get into, and that has been a journey of difficult feelings, so it is just lovely to know we are going to get a holiday and a break with Kirsten and David. No idea when we can get to NZ, but we hope by mid next year? (Mind you, I did say that I would never go back to Canada in the cold!)

For those praying for Arun, he is working again but slowly. He still gets a lot of pain and has a way to go.

Five reports have been deposited at the NGO bureau. Ross has spent a whole week on the reporting and permissions required for the Tranzsend NGO project, and foreign staff security clearance requests (another review for four who arrived in the past two years, two renewals for long term partners, and new applications for four partners who arrived six weeks ago). Tsao worked on this stuff from Hong Kong, Ross did the final review, presentation, preparation and depositing of the documents (another tree consumed!). Ross also spent all yesterday speaking with the 'high ups' bosses in the NGO Bureau and Home Ministry, doing the relationship stuff to smooth the way for hopefully positive reports. Prayer needed please.