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The beginning of November my Mom was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. I went home fully expecting to settle Mom's affairs and officiate a funeral. They operated Dec. 3, doing what they call a Whipple maneuver. We are praising God she came through it. Just before returning to Thailand, our Abigail was injured on the job and has not been able to drive. It gave me an opportunity to be a dad to her.

It would be hard to give you a run down on how good the work is doing except to say, I am greatly encouraged by the attendance, preaching, giving and witnessing. Last week we had 8 visitors 7 children and one adult. Normally, we have about 25 adults and 2 children. One of our ladies on her own decided to do Sunday School. I have an American

man and a Thai lady, both stroke victims hobble into church. Before they can get one step in the church people are there helping them. The older saints are served at lunch by the younger, and new people are greeted and treated like they are long, lost friends. This last month, two older ladies have started coming on a regular basis, one is Buay's mother. She doesn't understand much Thai, but she understands that the people like her and treat her with respect. The women in the village take time to witness to her regularly. The preacher "boys" are getting better. Buay is a good preacher, and is praying for a wife. Boew reads and listens to everything he can about the Lord. Baan, makes things personal to the people and he and his wife visit. They are a dynamic trio! The only thing that

could be better is if one of the men were called to pastor and we were seeing more saved and added to the church. We are definitely praying to this end.

A Thai preacher named Wat and his wife Amanda were just presented with a blessing and an opportunity to see the Lord work. Amanda delivered a baby girl at 6 months. Alissa weighed in at 1.54 lb.. Their needs are great both physical and financial. If you can be a blessing to this young family please contact me and I will get you some fantastic pictures and an update of the situation.

Thank you for the blessing you have been to us.

In the Paddy
Tim, Maureen and Ben