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School or Church?

Sarah's homeschool teaching experience is helping her as she works retail with many young people. She tries to treat them as adults, which they are, but some of them are younger than our daughter so it can be tricky. But she's thankful for the experience, where in some ways she's enjoying more ministry than she ever did in a church setting. She also has her ups and downs, esp when it's time to pay rent. But we're so thankful for some of you that continue to give during our extended period of transition.

We would really like a home church. Our previous home church supported us for 17 years until

the senior pastor retired. And we understand people and churches move on, esp from missionaries that seem a bit unsure. That's why I am intentionally vague in explaining that we're still missionaries and we're also open to different ways to serve God's kingdom, not that I ever tried to be aggressive in fundraising. Both Sarah and I feel that we've not been a good fit in the church culture we're both born into.

My parents visited my school (photo above with the director). I had a big box of masks and other supplies donated by Dr Lee last year but we haven't been able to meet. I met my dad briefly in a ministry meeting last fall, but it's been over a full year since I met my mom. I'll try to meet them more often, as I wish to see my kids more often. It's not easy with our different schedules. I'd need to rent a car/taxi or find someone who happens to wanna visit them during my free day. But I'm glad to be able to finally deliver that box.

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The director has been kind to me. It seems we have a lot in common, including a swimming past and also some mutual friends. He's also joined one of our online Bible studies recently. But I try to keep my teaching responsibilities and friendship and ministry issues separate. Some of the stories I hear from the privileged students are heartbreaking; they help me understand why some of the children in the slums seem happier in comparison. I have begun to teach swimming once a week as part of the extracurricular activities; I feel like I'm preparing to be a grandpa as I teach 1st graders how to swim with a smile.

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General Updates

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I'm still helping out at newsong bangkok church, maybe more than ever, but I'm also trying to limit my involvement cuz of my uncertain future.

[Project Items](#)

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Fine Print: See "[Reinventing the Past](#)" from 07/31/2017 for a disclaimer.

Prayer Items, please pray that:

God will bless our times of prayer and meditation of God's word.

I will rely on God's wisdom for decisions about ministry and family, as well as our aging parents.

Our local friends will be edified by my being here through both word and action.

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