

# The SEARLES in THAILAND

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Brother Doug Ritter, who has printed, paid for, edited my mailing list, and goaded me to send a prayer letter when it was past due for the last 20 years, has written to tell me that he has had a second stroke. Doug told me he would let me know when he was healed so he could continue getting them out. Two strokes and he doesn't want to quit!! While Doug is healing, another friend, Mrs. Joan O'Milia will help. I don't foresee any problems, but if there is a disruption and my letters stop coming, please get in touch with me at [Searles4Thailand@gmail.com](mailto:Searles4Thailand@gmail.com). In the conversation with Doug about planning for Joan to help, I inadvertently asked how much postage was. The last time I had any contact with mailing was when a letter was 15 cents. Needless to say, when he told me a letter cost 75 cents, I was shocked. I need to switch to email. I did not realize that he was spending \$150 every time I put out a letter. I'm embarrassed I put him through that. I will do all I can to get your email addresses from your websites. Still, it would help immensely if you would send your email along with the contact information you would like me to use to [Searles4Thailand@Gmail.com](mailto:Searles4Thailand@Gmail.com).

Six weeks ago, there was a foul-up when I went to extend our Visas. For 45 years, we've had no problems. In the last two years, the government has changed the procedure twice. When we went to pick up our visas, they were not ready, so we had to leave the country. Ultimately, we had to pay for 20 days of overstay and return to the States for 6 weeks while the Visa details were worked out. I was able to reschedule four doctors' appointments at the VA, so it wasn't all wasted. Maureen and I are glad to be back. My grandson, David Brownell, was here for a month and helped me make a hospital bed for Wat, the man I am helping with the broken neck. We were very thankful that David was able to come.

The Lord has blessed our church here in Thailand with musicians, two guitar players, and a piano player. While we were in the States, they took the initiative to improve our music program. Wat, the fellow with the broken neck found an electric wheelchair. I was much encouraged because I was going to have to come up with one. It's a big deal when the nationals take the initiative. As the Lord provides the money, I would like to pour a concrete slab as the foundation for a shower and lavatory for Wat. After 5 years, it's going to be nice for him to be able to get in and out of bed by himself as well as take a shower. It has been a blessing to me to see how the Lord has shown Himself to Wat and the people around him.

Thank you for your prayers and support

Tim & Maureen