



George and Awn in Thailand



September 10th Awn's dear Mother passed on at the age of 90+++.
No one seems sure of her exact age. She is already missed.

Awn and I spent 3 days with 11 friends in Chiang Rai, the very north. Some exciting things happened in their lives and I will communicate that in another letter.

While in Chiang Rai we received word that Mom was admitted to the hospital. We returned home Wednesday evening and by Thursday morning we were at Mom's bedside in Lampang.

I had some teaching responsibility Friday so we returned to Chiang Mai Friday morning. Then we got word Friday night/Saturday morning that Mom had passed.

Saturday morning we were back in Lampang and coordinating the various arrangements.

Most funeral pictures are very formal, serious and often a much younger version of the deceased. But Mom was happy, and wanted people to remember her as she was in the Joy of her later years.

Many people and many friends from Chiang Mai made the trip out to Lampang to honor her in her departure. It was truly a precious time.

At the cremation I was asked to speak, representing the family. The message was about love without Christ is self love and leads to pain, disappointment and death/loss of what we love. A very Buddhist concept. I said that Love with Christ is love for others, we enter in and share their pain and so is still suffering but with joyful, precious results. That it is a Love of Action more than just words.

I said, "Mom only spoke the local dialect. I could not talk with her or she with me. (this I said in the Local Dialect) And yet she showed me how much she loved me, and how much she was falling in Love with God the father. Love is much more than words."

This picture below was sent to me by one of the monks at the service. Along with the picture he wrote, "Awesome talk. Words don't matter. Actions are more important. Love is not just a word but it must be clearly expressed through actions. Words, ideas that you spoke so well. Thank you."



Please pray for us as we grieve.

This is Gaan , Awn's cousin. We only just received word that he was struck, and killed by lightning in a storm Tuesday night. We are heading out to Sukothai. Pray we may be of encouragement at the funeral.

The next few months are very busy. One thing we need prayer for is our preparation for a meeting in Cyprus to evaluate and plan for the future of the Nav work in the Global Community. We have been asked to join because we represent a work that is walking "among a major religious mainstream." But we also need time to grieve.

Grieving again,

George and Awn

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