



George and Awn in Thailand

About a month ago I was on a Zoom call with a bunch of friends, one of whom was Bill Swan. I was asked to share some of "my story". I did for about 20 or 30 minutes. When I was finished Bill asked, "You speak of Transformation in the lives of people. What does that look like?"

The question threw me for a minute, which bothered me. Why was there not an answer right on the tip of my tongue? Finally I shared a couple of examples.

It continued to bother me and I thought about that question a lot.

About 4 days afterwards several of the gang from Sukhothai were here staying with us. They brought a young woman and her child whom I did not know. I last saw her, Wannaporn, in Sukhothai at a wedding we were attending, but I only saw her, I did not meet her.

A little embarrassed, maybe I was supposed to know her, I said nothing until the second night when I asked Tanin, "Who is the Girl?"

That began a story I want to share. What does it mean when a Community is transforming?



Wannaporn and her daughter lived in a different village with an Abusive man. Normally, the wife would run to Mom, or maybe another relative in their village. But Wannaporn ran to Yote and his family. Yote's wife is a very distant relative. They were shocked and asked why she had come to them and to this village?

Wannaporn replied, "Because we all know that the men here are good men. They are good to their women. It is in this community I seek refuge."

Tanin told me that she knew being with them, and living in Yote's home she would be safe. Since the whole gang was coming to Chiang Mai they felt it prudent to bring her along.

When a community has such a reputation you know transformation is occurring.



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