

THE BOYER OHANA



Grateful family



Food for the hungry



No-man's land

Do Unto Others

Despite Covid-19 disappointments such as canceled school graduations, postponed village outreaches, some staff and all missionaries having to work from home, our ZOE ohana has remained in high spirits. Choosing to focus attention on the needs of others, everyone has been pitching in to help people in our area.

Our ZOE parents are continually teaching the children to be generous. Recently, the children gave up their weekly allowances to buy dried food for those in need. ZOE kids and parents collected over \$160 and gave away 200 packages of food. In addition, our ZOE teen girls got together to sew masks for local villagers.

We've also made food packs for people

outside our local area who are greatly hurting. Through our network of pastors, we are able to reach the most needy: people who can't access government help or food lines, the elderly, the disabled, the poorest of the poor. Because of generous donations from ZOE staff, missionaries, and supporters such as Children's Hunger Fund, we've already been able to distribute over 1,000 food packages and are continuing to deliver food throughout the region.

In June, we heard about 400 refugees stranded in a no-man's land between Burma and Thailand. Previously allowed into Thailand during the day to do menial jobs to earn enough to survive, with the Covid lockdown

soldiers from both nations barred them from leaving the small enclave between the borders.

Ron went with a team from ZOE to deliver two truckloads of food but, unfortunately, after first granting us permission to deliver the food, the soldiers reversed course and ordered us to leave the area.

It was heartbreaking that the refugees had to watch us unload all the food only to watch as we had to load it back on the trucks and drive away. Our local contact, a pastor in the area, said that he would try again to deliver the food and, if unsuccessful, he knew of many poor families in the area who have been especially hard-hit with the economic downturn who could use the food.

LITTLE BLESSINGS



Sometimes the little blessings we have are really the greatest source of joy in our lives.

PIGGYBACK RIDE



Our car has served us faithfully for almost 10 years but any 20-year-old car needs a little help from time to time!

THAI FLIES



To rephrase a famous line: "You're going to need a bigger fly swatter!"

CARING THRU COVID



When COVID hit Thailand, all missionaries worked from home for 3 months. For us, this has been a season of quality time with God and one another. And, in the midst of semi-quarantine, curfew, and other pandemic restrictions, we've kept busy working and serving!

We wrote lessons, developed ZOE marketing ideas, drafted grant proposals and blogs, edited curricula, taught English, and learned Thai via ZOOM.

Our church held online services for 10 weeks during the lockdown. One Sunday, we BBQ'd hotdogs and hamburgers for the 20+ Thai staff working that service. Everyone enjoyed "a taste of America" and went home full and content. On Easter Sunday, after attending online church, we delivered Easter baskets to the 14 kids of our

ZOE missionary families.

We had an opportunity to bless our Thai neighbors when local officials requested food donations for those hard-hit by COVID. We bought 100 lbs of rice, dried noodles, sardines, and canned milk. The officials were so thrilled when we delivered the food that they insisted on posing for a picture with us.

To keep off that "COVID 19" (pounds!), we dusted off our bikes and hit the road, exploring neighborhoods, getting fresh air and exercise, and having lots of fun.

We thank God for His protection over the Boyer Ohana, the ZOE Ohana, and – to our knowledge – all our friends and family back home. We hope and pray that it won't be long until we see you all in person again! Stay safe!

REFRESHING

A GENEROUS PERSON WILL PROSPER; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed (*Proverbs 11:25*). Because you have refreshed us so generously, we know that God will also answer our prayers that He refresh you.

Your donations to ZOE are 100% tax deductible. Credit card donations can be made online at gozoe.org/missionaries/ron-cissy-boyer. You can also set up automatic recurring donations on the website. Please make checks to "ZOE" and mail to our P.O. box in Hawaii (please write "Boyers" on the memo line).

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Heart Prints



ZOE's Facilities Maintenance crew refurbished our pool area and it's ready for a summer of swimming, beach volleyball, and hanging out with friends and family.



For six weeks while waiting for Thai schools to re-open, our ZOE kids attended online classes. The Thai government provided standardized classes for each grade, so that all students across the nation received the same instruction during the lockdown.



One of our favorite ZOE family activities is BBQ on the lawn.



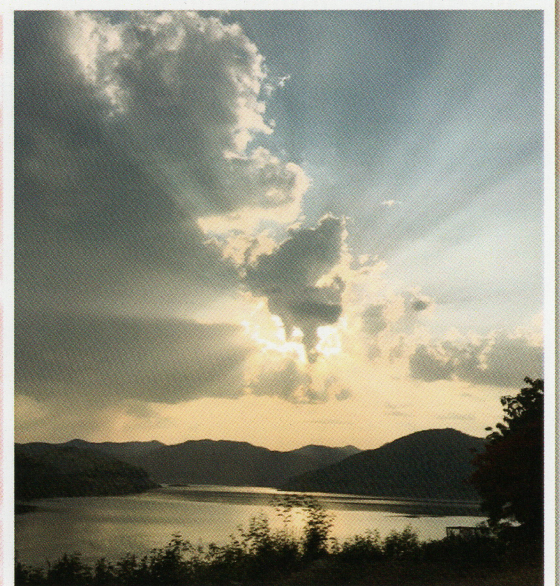
Students earn "ZOE bucks" studying English to use in our ZOE Store.



ZOE's Vocational School has a salon to teach hair styling.

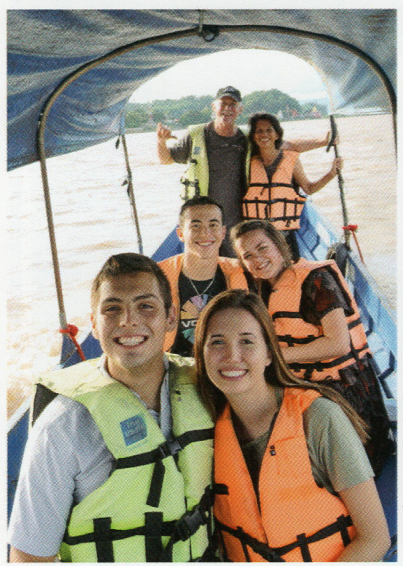


The Boyers hosted a 4th of July celebration at our home for our fellow missionaries. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and camaraderie were on the menu!



Late afternoon view that we caught on one of our bike rides near our home in Doi Saket.

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A RAY OF SUNSHINE

In the midst of the dark clouds of the past few months, we were blessed to experience a ray of sunshine. Git, a former ZOE child who is near and dear to our hearts, pledged his love to his fiancé, Mai, in a beautiful wedding ceremony officiated by Ron. This was a very special celebration.

Git and his older sister, Bea, first came to ZOE when their father died and their mother was not physically or mentally capable of caring for them. Git was only 8 years old when he arrived at ZOE.

The siblings quickly became known for their friendliness and boldness to practice their English with any and all the missionaries and foreign visitors.

They stood out in the crowd because they were always eager to lend a helping hand. They became two of the first kids to be picked to train in the ZOE Store and Git even volunteered for the unpopular job of cleaning the pig farm.



For years, Git has dreamed of building his mom a new home in place of the ramshackle bamboo hut where she lives. In his early teens, he did every job he could around ZOE and saved everything he earned – never spending a penny on himself. When other kids were buying snacks

or special clothing or toys, Git just kept putting the money away. Three years ago he took his life savings and bought wood, bricks, and other supplies to build a house that is now about halfway completed.

We are confident that he will soon see his dream fulfilled as he starts his own family and puts

God at the center.

What a bright future we see for Git and his lovely bride, Mai. We have journeyed with this caring boy as he's grown into a responsible 21-year old man who brings blessings and joy to our lives and the lives of so many others!