



# The Gaudet Family

*For Souls Still Waiting...*

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*"The Lord gave the word: great was the company of those that published it." Psalm 68:11*

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*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year... from the Gaudets!*

## *Thailand trip:*

I have just returned from Thailand, now back in TX with my dear wife, just in time for Christmas! It was necessary for me to extend my time there to complete all we set out to accomplish. The entire trip ended up being 45 days.

Several years ago we opened up a *translation/publishing* office in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We figured we would give it one year to see how things progressed then re-evaluate. It went so far above our expectations and as opportunities opened before us, we expanded to accommodate them. At one point in 2013 we had upwards of 12 people in the office working on translation or publishing in several languages at once.

The prompting of us returning to the USA in 2014 was that most of the projects which demanded all these people came to an end one-by-one. We thought it a good time to return to the USA to report to our supporting churches and regroup. That trip ended up being very long as we encountered health issues.

At any rate, we now figure it will be a good bit longer before we could return, due to health issues and also the web-based ministry which is just now kicking off. Because of that, on this trip we planned to downsize some of the facilities to match that which is actually still being done there now in support of the ministry God has given us.

That turned out to be quite a job but with the help of co-workers, missionaries, and pastors it was all accomplished.

## *Web-based ministry:*

The Jeffrey Evans family from our home church accompanied me for the first month. Jeffrey has been one of the main developers on the web-based ministry so I was excited to see them come to help. Mrs. Evans did a great deal to help in the downsizing effort, but I asked Jeffrey primarily to work on training and continued development of the Thai website. That went well, and many functional improvements were made as he watched a non-native English speaker struggle with putting content on the site. He was able to make changes, improving the site and making it easier for a non-native English speakers as they went along.



We have a great deal of resources in Thai, both literature worked on over the years as well as personnel. In spite of all that, if we had not been there in person, this web-based effort would not have progressed as well as it had. Content is now being put on the site, and a small test of the functionality has been run between social media and our site.

Now that the improvements have been made and the functionality has been tested we are ready to proceed with other languages. Thai proved to be a great language to start with. Please pray as we go forward on this needful effort.

## *Short video:*

Several months ago we announced plans to produce a short video in support of this web-based effort. It is intended to be used to drive people to the sites. As only the Lord can do, one of our supporting churches provided funds and while I was in Thailand, I had the privilege to be present as the filming took place. We had engaged a video production ministry there in Thailand who had Thai staff. We asked them to take our idea and make it Thai in every way. It was a thrill to see that develop. The full production is not yet completed, but I wanted to show you a photo of the filming.



## *Shipping:*

While in Thailand, a shipment of Bibles and scripture portions was made to brethren across the border in Burma. We also shipped from two of our depots to missionary Nat Williams on the northern border of Thailand and Burma. It has always been difficult to get scriptures to brethren in Burma who must use this border crossing due to lack of a presence there. Nat is working with people from Burma and has many opportunities to teach men how to have outreach with their own people.

Counting both of these efforts, somewhere around 25 tons of materials were moved as described above. Please pray as we have just given the go-head for another shipment from the USA. This one was on hold until the above mentioned was completed.

*Thanks!:*

Thank you for your prayers and continued support. Please pray as we continue the work of publishing the Word of God. If in print or digital, we strive to put His Word before those who have never heard! We *could* not, nor *would* not wish to attempt it without you.

*From Krinny:*

As most of you know, Tom has been in Thailand for the last 6 weeks, and I have been here in Texas. Our health problems are pretty challenging right now. Tom had a hip replacement a few months ago and needed help in Thailand to downsize the offices there. God provided the Jeffrey Evans family to go with Tom. They were a great help...a very great help in important ways. Many thanks to both of them for their help. It was a great sacrifice for them.

I have an appointment with an orthopedic surgeon in mid-January. I will probably need a knee replacement as walking is getting increasingly difficult. All in all, the last couple of years have been the hardest years of our ministry so far, health-wise. We have been hit with several things including both of us being diagnosed with Lyme disease. Whoever called getting old, the *Golden Years*, was either completely nuts or under the age of 60. Another person said that getting old is not for sissies. They were the ones that were not nuts, but totally correct in their assessment.

One thing is certain. God is still on the throne and in charge of everything. It is amazing how much you learn when you

are physically down for the count and are unable to function in your "normal" way. Read "normal" to mean, "I think God needs me to do stuff." When all you can do is pray and wait, it is a shock to the system when you see things still get done, and work themselves out perfectly well without your help. I can laugh now at the things that I thought I needed to do, that got done by the infinite Grace of God without me.

I want to take this time to thank all of you who have sent Christmas offerings: Two widow ladies, several supporting churches, friends near and far, and my personal thanks to a small church in south Louisiana who sent a large offering just for me! You all know who you are and Tom and I want to thank you for your love over the years.

P.S. If you did not receive a Christmas card, please do not feel slighted...neither did anybody else. 😊

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