

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Friends,

We are now in Cambodia after a very nice and relaxing week in Bangkok. It is always quite a jolt to go from our world into the world of a developing country. The crossing brings home how much we have and how little others have and at the same time how kind and grateful those that have so little can be. We have quickly started to put plans in place so that we can begin the work here. It is hard to express how overwhelmed we are with the incredible generosity and support of all of you on so many levels. We will soon be changing children and family's lives on your behalf and it is a privilege to do so.

At this time of year we know many of you are with family and friends and enjoying the spirit of love, peace and appreciation for each other. We are intimately aware that this can also be a time when we miss and mourn those that are not with us physically anymore. For us being surrounded by people who have lost so much and can still find ways to appreciate the little things in life is a good lesson in how to continue to be grateful while facing such challenges. We recently read a small passage from Melody Beattie on gratitude and thought we would pass it on:

"Gratitude unlocks the fullness of life it turns what we have into enough and more. It turns denial into acceptance, chaos to order, confusion to clarity. It can turn a meal into a feast, a house into a home, a stranger into a friend. Gratitude makes sense of our past, brings peace for today and creates vision for tomorrow."

We want to send you and yours our heartfelt best wishes wherever you may be and extend our gratitude for your support and friendship.

Love, Adrianne and Rick