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Jacqui and I will fly out of Portland on the 27th of September for Bangalore, India, where we will be teaching a course in ministry to 30 students in a Bible College. The director of the college is also the pastor of a Church. He is with ABWE and is having a good ministry. I have taught there before but this is Jacqui's first time to go to India. She will team-teach with me.

It is a great privilege to interact with these students. The last time I ministered in India, there were a good number of the students from the tribal areas of Myanmar (formerly Burma). As I look back on my educational experiences, I valued the courses and the material, but it seems to me that the most wonderful part of formal education is the people who are teaching. It all began with a six grade teacher who gave me great help in English. She made it interesting. From then on, there were a few, who after you finished the course and valued the material, you looked back and said, "They were the course!" Their demeanor and lives were such that they made a deep impression. I fondly remember several of my professors who were such teachers. While only the Lord can make us have that type of impact, it is our desire to make a difference in the lives of those we teach. Many of these young people have great potential and may have a ministry beyond anything we can imagine.

After the course in India, we will return to Bangkok and help Filipino workers in the English Camp. Jacqui and I will be helping those who make a profession of faith with further instruction in their new found-life. Last year, they had just at 600 who attended the camp. Since we do not know Thai, we will be working through an interpreter.

Since we last wrote, we have received a good number of books from some of you who dusted off your books for the last time and sent them to us. Since the first of the year, we have shipped 28 boxes of good books to pastors, workers and college students in the Philippines. Each box weighs about 100 pounds. That is because you and others have been so gracious and have sent us your books. Two boxes are in the garage and we hope to ship them before we leave.

The latest family news, and a great answer to years of prayer, is that Luke Brennan Pardee joined our family having adopted as his parents, our daughter, Karen and her husband Robb. He was a week old and weighed eight pounds when he joined the tribe.

We deeply appreciate your prayers.

"...in the service of the saints..."

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