

DOROTHY HOME WITH THE LORD

As most of you know, Dorothy became very ill in May and was taken to the hospital in Chiangmai with lung problems. After a time in McKean Rehabilitation Hospital, it was decided Dorothy would be better off back in Chiangkham among people who know and love her. Missionary Carmen Filbeck coordinated with Inkhian for her ongoing care. Inkhian and Nari (dorm parents) cared for Dorothy from that point on as if she were their own mother. Christians sat with Dorothy in the Chiangkham hospital 24/7. The doctors and the nurses had so much respect for Dorothy that they wanted to prolong her life; as Buddhists they didn't understand Dorothy's wishes for no heroic actions to be taken. Dorothy agreed with Paul in Philippians "I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far." **When Dorothy was able to communicate, she encouraged and admonished the local believers to continue following the Lord. Nari was with her when Dorothy quietly passed on Monday morning, June 24, 2013.**



THAI MEMORIAL SERVICES

The last week of June two services were held in Thailand for three days with three meals served daily. Inkhian and Nari handled everything with the help of four of Dorothy's foster "boys" doing set up, the older dorm girls helping with the massive meals, and all helping clean up the church on Saturday. Oratai, Dorothy's oldest foster daughter, performed the robing ceremony. Instead of displaying the body, they place a large picture of the deceased next to the coffin. They kept the body on ice in a house across the street (no embalming in Thailand). Early Friday before the final service, Orathai changed Dorothy's clothes. Then they closed and nailed the casket.

Foster "kids" on stage: Tao, Kwan, Chao, Yut and Oratai



The final services and the interment were held on Friday. All of the 76 dorm kids attended on Friday. It's estimated 1000+ people came to pay respects throughout all the services.

Over 50 large Thai-style arrangements mostly from churches, but some from individuals, were received. Dorothy did not want flowers, however the Thai would never have no flowers! Yut, one of Dorothy's foster sons, arranged them beautifully over the front of the large high stage at Chaiboribun church in Sop Waen, the former leprosy village where Dorothy and Imogene started the church.

There was special music from the Hmong, various churches, ladies groups, former dorm students, Bible school grads that Dorothy sponsored, Wanda Jennings (missionary) and more. A young man from Chaiboribun played the keyboard.

They walked the bier quite a distance to the cemetery. As is Thai custom, two ropes were tied to it and people held on as if pulling it as in former times, thought nowadays it was on the bed of a large truck. They built a brick above ground mausoleum for Dorothy as a special honor.

There was a VERY generous offering over the week. The balance will go to the student dorm and to 12 Phathanaa church for building.

Thanks to Wanda Jennings for this information and to Ratason Srisombat, a former dorm student, for the pictures.



The Good Doctor, Dorothy Mae Uhlig
age 90 years (Thai count)
24 June 2013

ONLINE MEMORIAL

Fellow co-worker, Jeni Goddard, recommended an online memorial for Dorothy. We now have one set up at <http://dorothy.uhlig.muchloved.com>. I, Sue Ford, have been uploading pictures there slowly and will continue to add more. Already some people have sent me memories to post. I've posted Yut's presentation of Dorothy's life on the site—of course, it is in Thai. Individuals and churches may

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post their own stories and memories to honor Dorothy and the work she did for the Lord. If anyone prefers, stories or pictures may be sent to me at dnsford@yahoo.com and I'll post them.

NOTE FROM ARLENE LUNDGREN, FORWARDING AGENT

I, Arlene, write to you with mixed emotions. I am grieving the loss of my dear sister in Christ, Dorothy Uhlig. How I will miss her interesting and uplifting letters. She told us of those who needed our prayers and helped us to know how to pray for them. She let us know when our prayers were answered and praised The Lord for each victory.

In spite of the loss I feel, my heart is thanking God and praising Him for calling her home. She is now free from pain and in the presence of her loving Heavenly Father. She has served Him so faithfully and diligently all her life. I'm sure she has heard those words "Well done, good and faithful servant."

For 35 years I have felt privileged to have a small part in her work as her forwarding agent. It has been a joy for me and I've had a friend whose advice I could seek, and always knew she was praying for me, my family and my circumstances. *It is my prayer that you will all continue to uphold and support the ministries she supported.* Because of my age and some medical issues it is time to send support a different way.

SUPPORT

Please send future support checks for the ministries in Thailand, to the sister ministry, A Christian Community Ministry, PO Box 9141, Vallejo, CA 94591. Jeni Goddard is a Trustee with the American Churches of Christ Mission to Thailand, a Council member with the Chiangkham Youth Development Center (CYDC), and a Steward for this sister ministry in America. To help us continue Dorothy's legacy, designate offerings for "**Dorothy's Legacy**" with checks made out to **A Christian Community Ministry**. The Dorothy's Legacy fund will continue to support the Chiengkham Dorm, students in Bible college, Home of Blessing and Home of Refuge. If you have further questions, you may contact me, Sue Ford, dnsford@yahoo.com or Jeni Goddard, mailat02-accm@yahoo.com.

A NOTE FROM NARI, HOUSEMOTHER

Dorothy was beloved to my family. She was a very good example. She and I would meet every day to pray together. Today, I have no one to pray with me as she is no longer here. My family has worked with Dorothy for about 23 years, but my husband has worked longer than that.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- *Pray for Inkhian and Nari as they handle CYDC without Dorothy and as they grieve for their longtime coworker and friend.*
- *Pray for Jeni Goddard with ACCM as she takes over handling support from Dorothy's supporters.*

In Christian love and thanks,

Arlene Lundgren, forwarding agent
Sue Ford, newsletter editor and Dorothy's niece

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Indicate check is for Dorothy's Legacy. If you sponsor someone or a specific ministry in particular, please include a note with that information.

To keep up on the work in Thailand, email mailat02-accm@yahoo.com and ask to receive the newsletters for A Christian Community Ministry.