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I was born and raised in York, PA. My mother was raised in Shiloh, PA and was a really godly person. She was a homemaker with 6 children in the family. Both my mother and father were members of COD and have passed away--mother in 1969 and father in 1980. Most of my family live in and around York County. When about the age of 12 and under the hearing of the gospel, I accepted the Lord at family devotions. As years went by, I drifted away from the Lord, but through the influence of relatives, I prepared to go to Bible college at Providence Barrington Bible College. While at college, for 4 years, I dedicated my life for missionary service in Asia. "Faithful is He who calleth you who also will do it." I Thess. 5:24 is my life verse. While at college I taught children in churches and schools. After I graduated, a call was given to work as director of CEF in western Massachusetts. I worked there two years. I then attended the CEF Leadership Training Institute and gave my life for service in Thailand. I left for Thailand in August, 1958.

Thailand is a land in Southeast Asia with Laos on the northeast, Cambodia on the southeast, Malaysia to the south and Burma to the West and northwest. My first duty (after studying language for 2 years) was helping translate our CEF lesson books into Thai. A second term followed with teacher training and teaching children in Christian schools. I also had opportunity to set-up a camp for leprosy children in North Thailand.

In 1967 I started CEF work as director in Chiangmai in the north, the second largest city in Thailand. I worked there and trained workers for almost 5 years. I returned home for furlough for 1 year and then returned to work in Bangkok, helping national workers as they studied at the CEF Institute in Singapore. I worked as advisor and did translation work until furlough-1976.

After furlough in 1977, I returned to the north to the city of Chiangrai. During my 13 years there a CEF work was established, with a director and a new committee. I trained the director and worked with the committee. I also helped in training, as in 1983 we had our first 2-week Christian Youth in Action for young people. Since Bangkok had no missionary working with them for some time, I had been working some with them. In working and training with the CEF national workers there, we had our first CEF Leadership Training Institute in 1985 in Bangkok. Many missionaries came to help us with this first institute and 20 young people were trained. During my last term in Thailand, I helped to develop a committee in Chiangrai. I taught children in school and helped train teachers. I also worked with the director with 5-day clubs, did bookkeeping and correspondence.

In returning to Thailand from furlough in Feb. 1991, I taught Bible each day to 7 classes of kindergarten children at Chiangrai school. I helped train teachers especially in evangelism for GNC and special training in the churches. I taught Bible to children at our CEF camp. I helped oversee our 2 workers and was advisor to Miss Manee in CEF work. I did correspondence, promotional work in the churches and planned with Miss Manee to start a work in Lambang Province, about 250 miles south of Chiangrai. My ministry changed in Lambang, from opening the work to translation of CEF materials.

In September 1994, I came home for furlough and to retire. God so graciously supplied a home for me in Florida at the Bradenton Missionary Village - built by Anthony Rossi. Life is very busy here with the main emphasis on prayer and serving the Lord. Since my arrival here at the village, I have visited Thailand in 1995 for three months, helping our national CEF workers. I also visited Thailand in 1997 for three months where the Pacific/Orient Region had their CEF Conference. I taught those sweet kindergarten children in Chiangrai - what a privilege. I praise the Lord for providing my way. Just to see those faithful workers from over 20 countries was real joy. As for the future - I plan to keep on serving and be used of the Lord for the salvation of the dear children. Please do continue to pray for me.

Date of COD's beginning support - August, 1958. Birthdate - November 17, 1931
Hobbies - swimming, reading and walking Retired, but serving the Lord.
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