



FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

Thai Lights Special Edition - February 2020



December 7th 2019, we celebrated 60 years of marriage, 58 years ministry in Thailand and Allan's 90th birthday. The theme, "From Generation to Generation", was inspired by Psalms 145:4 "One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts". During the dinner there were stories and performances from many of the mission projects we have been involved in through the years.



About 1,100 people came and celebrated with us. Allan gave a short message from the theme "From Generation to Generation" in English and Thai. Our son, David, responded speaking for "the new generation".



Pan Rak Foundation staff welcomed the guests and gave them small souvenirs as they signed guest books.



Twenty one organisations and mission projects shared their work at booths around the auditorium.



CCI founding member, "Sunshine", played between performances with his son, Jame, and friend, Tanat.



Sugar was the presenter, Dr. Amnuay Tapingkae, President of Payap, welcomed the guests and Rev. Virat Koydul, Vice Moderator of the Church of Christ in Thailand gave a blessing.



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Thai Dam (Lao Song) and others from Nakhon Pathom Province opened the night with a welcome song. This is the area where we began our ministry.



The McGilvary College of Divinity Choir began the worship. We taught there about 20 years over different periods.



Suwannee and Joan performed Joan's own version of "My favorite things in Thailand". Our grandchildren surprised us afterwards with a performance of their version of "My favorite things" about grandpa and grandma.



Jao Duang Duan, the princess of Chiang Mai (Sugar's mother), presented flowers.



Consul General Sean K. O'Neill spoke meaningfully and presented flowers from the U.S. Consulate in Chiang Mai.



Talako Karen young people came from the Thai-Myanmar border where Allan first went 12 days by elephant 57 years ago.



The Korean Mission Choir celebrated with us. Joan and Allan first met 67 years ago during the Korean War when she sang for his company of combat engineers.



Thammanikom Church sang with the Thongyoo Cheshire Home. Joan is on the Cheshire Board.



Pa-Oh from our local Thammanikom Church sang a hymn. These Pa-Oh fled Myanmar and are new Christians.



Our children, David, Ruthanne, Laurie and Sue with some of our 9 grandchildren.



Sathorn Church Choir from Bangkok made a special trip to sing at the celebration. Joan led the choir 58 years ago when we studied language in Bangkok.



Children from Anusarn Soonthorn School for the Deaf performed using sign language. Allan & Joan have been on the board since its beginning in 1975.



Christian media and communication center "Voice of Peace" performed their theme song. Allan is on the board.



The last song during dinner was performed by members of the Wa Chiang Mai Church and students from the Wa Student Hostel in Chiang Mai.



CCI climaxed the program with an amazing drama created by Sujinda, CCI Director, especially for the night, telling the story of our lives; how we met, our careers, the early days of the mission and much more.



Our grandson, Dave Dawson, played Allan in the drama about the death of our grandson Marky. Our granddaughter, Sahale, also joined and sang "You Raise me Up" together with "Jump". Jump's parents helped us found CCI 40 years ago.



Joan closed the celebration by singing the Thai benediction, accompanied by dancers from CCI.

None of this could have happened without your prayers and help. We continue to carry out the Lord's work and will update you all on the latest ministry news in our soon to come edition of Thai Lights.

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