



How Did it GO???

That question has been asked repeatedly from the middle of our Family Education Conference until now. Two weeks later, I can finally give a response that won't take 3 days of processing with you.

Just the highlights:

God answered prayer!

1. Illness was kept to a minimum. Over 200 people squashed into a medium sized hotel coming from at least 13 countries. Just a few got sick and no one was laid out more than a day, if that.
2. We prayed together and worked together: consultants, volunteers, and speakers. All had their roles to fill, and did that well. I didn't know everything that was going on at any given moment and didn't need to!
3. We all listened. First to the Lord in how to go about each day. Then to the families as needs were expressed and answers sought.
4. We're getting better at this. After 16 years of putting on conferences and changing personnel, we are constantly adapting to the needs of the families and how to better serve them at conference. Changes were made for this one, and more will be made for the future. We're learning and so are the families.
5. Our ranks are increasing. Of the current 13 consultants for AERC 10 were able to come and "work" conference! What joy to be together face to face, rather than talking on line only.
6. Exhaustion! Yes, that's a highlight. It was in that exhaustion, at the end of each day, that the Lord conveniently reminded me: It's in my weakness that HIS strength comes through.

Staff Meetings/Board Retreat

7. The Consultants met the Board members! My two worlds in AERC came together. What a delight for everyone to get to

know each other at staff meetings and board retreat (occurred simultaneously after conference).

8. The consultants unified as “new” met “long term” and all the ones in between – AERC longevity: 15 years - 1 year. Our history was reviewed and renewed as we looked toward the future; all the while solidifying the team.

Encouragement from individual board members and consultants all along the way – in person. They were like cheerleaders encouraging and holding me accountable to the boundaries HE set for me.



Quote from one of our plenary speakers:

"I didn't know Jan's prayer team was both so extensive and so intensive. They PRAY. And they pray. And then they keep praying. Every year they encounter resistance to the conference, which is a lifeline to many families homeschooling their kids in remote areas in Asia. This year the resistance seemed to come in the area of health, and not just mine. Others as well." Elizabeth Trotter

That prayer team was/is many of you along with the consultants and board members. THANK YOU for praying! Thank you for your commitment to this ministry and to prayer.



NEXT STEPS - What you can pray for now!

- **Health status** is encouraging. Thyroid is stable for now. Looking at July for what is hopefully the last major procedure

to keep it easily regulated. B-12 levels are almost where they should be. Continue to ask for the healing in this area.

- **Personnel needs:** an administrative assistant for me – on site in Chiang Mai; more consultants to serve in India, China, Vietnam, Indonesia, and Thailand. I have job descriptions for both of these roles. Let me know if you want one for yourself or to pass on to someone else!
- **Discussion and decision** with the consultants about the **2019 Family Education Conference**. We have to start now, including setting a date. Much deliberation as we begin to implement changes that need to happen.
- **Preparations for AERC Board meetings** in April. Much information gathering and report writing, on my part, in March.
- **Discussions and decisions** as we move forward in our new project arms of AERC: to help families in the areas of Special Needs and High School Guidance/College Prep.

Praise and Prayer

What a joy to end December and January with so many blessings from the Lord – from you! The support account is very healthy right now, which has allowed me to increase what I receive as “salary” for the first time in over 10 years. The exchange rate of \$US to Thai Bht has decreased and the cost of living has increased significantly in the last two years. I am so grateful for the confirmation that, currently, the money is there to help me keep up with this. Please don’t stop giving. [Click here to give](#)

I am so grateful for all of you – your giving, praying, connecting, and encouraging. You are a vital part of keeping me going - helping the families stay in Asia.

Blessings,
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