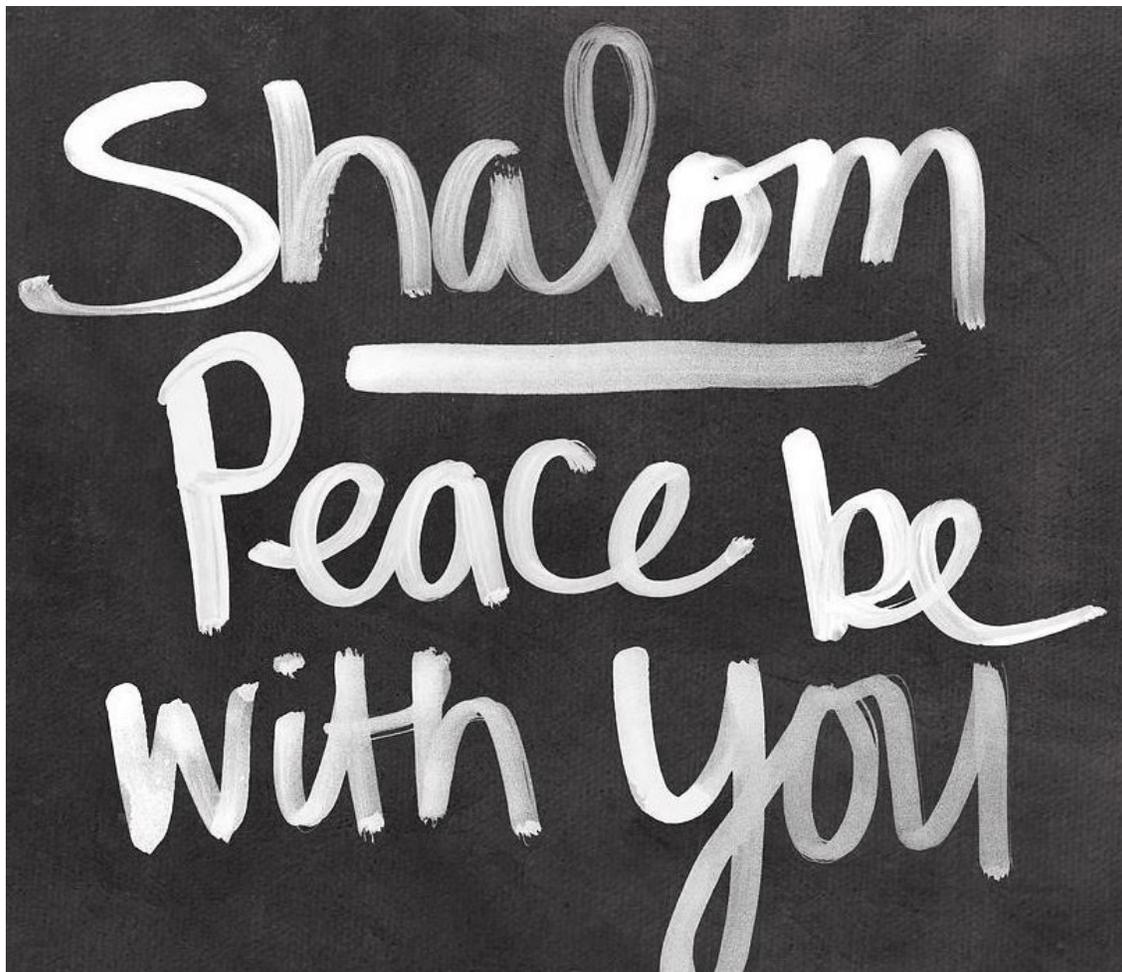


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Recently I have heard the word Shalom being used more frequently. It's not something I would have normally associated with this season until I did a bit of research this week. The True biblical *shalom* refers to an inward sense of completeness or wholeness. It is a complete peace, contentment, completeness, wholeness, well-being and harmony that fills that hole in our soul that only YHWH can fill.

Oh how we all need that Shalom who is presented to us on earth as that baby, King, Savior and provider of the only peace that fulfills.

How is He providing that Shalom for me here in Thailand?

Opportunities:

Christmas choir – for the first time since moving to Thailand (16 years) I am singing in the Christmas choir from the church I attend. What a joy to get back into the music I love, and share with others who have that same love for music and the Lord. The last time I sang in a choir was in Michigan, maybe 2013??

AERC Opportunities to experience Shalom

New consultants have finished the training and are officially on staff with AERC. What a joy to get to know 4 more people who have the heart and vision for families as AERC does – living in the US, Australia, Cambodia and Malaysia!

Connecting with the majority of my 16 consultants in 7 different time zones and 6 countries. Again, the Lord confirms that leading this group at this time is exactly what he has for me. What a privilege to hear their hearts, work together to find solutions, pray together for one another and for those answers we seek for families.

Working on the finances for AERC – yes, it really has been an opportunity that is bringing a certain fulfillment I never expected. I cannot say it is my gifting – not even close to a talent – but, as I review the books from the recent years, I am reminded of the many ways God has moved in and through us; physically moved some of us; as well as provided for us; and grown AERC to help us help families living in Asia.

Preparing for our annual Family Education Conference (Feb 2019) has provided many opportunities to know His peace as he provides for all the needs for speakers, volunteers for the children’s program, allowing 13 of the 16 consultants to be attend and help in so many ways, and bringing the families that need this conference and what we offer.

There are always opportunities for prayer which in the process of communing with God brings the peace and fulfillment of knowing He will answer in His way and His time. Below are some ways you can take opportunities for prayer:

AERC Finances: Stamina, thought processes and intentional time for continued work on the finances for AERC. I do have an ass't accountant to help with a portion of the finances. Ask for wisdom to know how and when to train her to take over the majority of work in that area.

Directing and Consultants: Continued wisdom and insight as I connect with the virtual AERC team of consultants and staff. Continued transitions as some prepare to move locations in the coming months. Wisdom as we continue to grow and improve our new program initiatives to help families with special needs and high school guidance, and to connect other consultants in Asia with one another in a networking program..

Family Education Conference (FEC) – Feb 2019: Preparations – speakers and their sessions; volunteers working with the children; consultants speaking and meeting with parents. Many details still need to come together. Ask for alertness to remember all that needs to happen before FEC; travel safety for all coming to Chiang Mai for this; unity among all of us working together to make it happen; an out pouring of HIS Spirit to meet the needs of the families who attend.

AERC Staff (Consultants) Meeting – directly after FEC. Ask for wisdom and insight as I plan these two days. Ask for a time of unity and synergy as we draw together as a new team (several new consultants since last year) and get to know one another better. Ask for wisdom as we make decisions for moving ahead in our plans for another year.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

May you have the gift of faith, the blessing of hope and the peace of his love at Christmas and always.

Shalom,

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