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She had a full schedule teaching, visiting mountain villages on a motorcycle and helping bring people to faith in Christ. But at age 55, she faced a bout with cancer. She reluctantly took early retirement. She beat the cancer and became a university professor in California. She was set.

But her call to missions remained. So, a year or so ago she returned to Thailand as missionary — in her 60s — her 17th year of service there.

Let's thank the Lord for our missionaries like Jeri, who inspire us with their life-long, life-stretching commitment to share Jesus with a lost world.

**February 25, 2024**

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Appomattox, VA

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*Austin Hodge*

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