
THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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Remember that I have commanded you to be determined and confident! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, am with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

It has been quite some time since our last newsletter, once again we would like to share with you the things that are happening in our lives and ministry in Thailand. This year in Thailand we've had a significant amount of rain, causing floods in many parts of Thailand normally Chiang Mai would also flood with this amount of rain but we thank God that this year Chiang Mai is not flooded.

News from the Churches

Pang Kwai Church

We thank God that minister Suthep and his wife are now serving at Pang Kwai village. Before coming to serve here minister Suthep and his wife were serving in Sap Ta Kien village. Since minister Suthep's arrival at Pang kwai we thank God that many of the old church members who left and were no longer going to church have started to come back. There have also been many new believers since minister Suthep came to serve in this village.

This summer the water source in this village suddenly dried up leaving the villagers with no water for a significant amount of time. The villagers received help from Tom and Linda Nation who have graciously donated \$850 in order to help the villagers with their water problem. The villagers would like to thank Tom and Linda Nation for their help and support.



New well that was dug at Pang kwai village

As for the 10 children that Nazareth PB Church supports in their education, after their first term of school 3 children have dropped out of school which means that there are now 7 children left. One of these is currently in a Polytechnic school in Fang. I would just like to say that helping these children is not a waste one of these kids named Som Pong

whom you've helped since the start has graduated high school and is now in the second year of Bible college.



Som pong

Shan Church

Since Som chai resigned from his pastoral duties the Shan church have been without a minister. I am delighted to report that after many months of prayer, praise the Lord that last week a Shan minister who is a woman phoned me and told me that she wanted to serve at this Shan church. Normally, it is very hard to find a minister among the Shan because there are very few Christians. God has been so very good in providing us with this Shan minister because she is quite well known in this area among the Shan people. If everything works out she will begin her service this November. Please keep this church in your prayers.

Orphanage

The children at the orphanage are now on a one month break from school, during the break the children weave baskets, the reason that we have the children weave baskets is because basket weaving is a practical skill that the children can perhaps use in the future, also we do not want the children to be too idle and have no activities, they also earn a little bit extra for themselves too by weaving these baskets.

Last week one of our children named Jan ji ra had an operation on her hand. As a child before coming to the orphanage Jan ji ra had



an accident with very hot water or oil that apparently spilled on her right hand and cause her pinky to stick to her palm making her right hand unusable for most of her life, last week as I mentioned she had an operation on her hand to separate the parts that are stuck. We thank God that the operation

went very well and that there were no complications. The medical staff that performed the operation were also very good and very helpful. Jan ji ra still has to make regular visits to the doctor. Thank you for helping Jan ji ra with the expenses of her operation without your support this operation would not be possible. Please continue to pray for Jan ji ra.



YFC camp at the orphanage

In August Mark brought over a YFC (Youth For Christ) team to the orphanage. The YFC team held a camp and had Bible lessons and activities for our children and the children around the area. The children had a lot of fun and it was something different for them because the whole YFC team were Thai so it was easier for the kids to communicate with them.



Bible lessons at the camp



Activities at the camp



Na dong

Su ra chai

As for Na Dong and Surachai our two older kids, both of them are doing very good and have settled in well to their new surroundings, Surachai is doing especially well, we have seen big changes in him since he went to Bible school, he is less shy and is a lot more confident than before. In addition to Na Dong and Surachai



The six youths that we sent to Bible school

Ruth and I have also sent 6 other youths from different villages that we are ministering in to Bible school, we hope that in the future God will use these youths to further His kingdom. Please keep these boys and girls in your prayers, and dear friends if you feel that God is leading you to support these youths you can contact me directly via email.



The old church building we plan to renovate

We are also currently planning to renovate the old church building so that it can be used as a study room/library/activity room for the older high school kids. The total cost of this project will be \$7800, in June Luke came back to Thailand with some of his friends from college and they held a charity concert to raise funds for this project, the concert that Luke held raised about \$800. We still have some ways to go so please keep this project in your prayers.



Luke's Charity concert



Luke

Mark

Family news

In the past months during the Monsoon season there has been an outbreak of Dengue fever in the Northern part of Thailand brought about by mosquitoes, Dengue fever outbreaks are an annual occurrence but this year it is especially severe, due to an above average amount of seasonal rain, still we thank God once again that the Lord is good and has kept us in good health and safe from such diseases.

We also thank the Lord that we got to spend time with our youngest son Luke during the summer. Luke is now back in the U.S. and is starting his second year of college.

Ruth these days has been very busy taking care of her father, Ruth's father is not well he has heart disease and above that his kidneys have stopped functioning, Last month his condition got so severe that he was hospitalized for about a week, during this time we have also gotten more time to spend with him and have the chance to share the good news to Ruth's father, and now even though he has not yet accepted Christ he likes for us to pray for him before he goes to sleep. He is at the moment doing better but he is still not well. Ruth has been looking after him every day since. We would like to ask you for your prayers for Ruth's father.

Mark our eldest son is helping me work he looks after the affairs of the orphanage and is really a big help. He is also teaching English at Lanna Bible College. He has expressed interest in going to seminary but he has told me that he is still praying and waiting on God. Please pray for him as he decides the course of his future.

We pray God's blessing on each and every one of you as you serve Him. We continue to thank our Lord for your help with this ministry. This ministry has many needs and you are all so generous in providing us with all that is needed. "Thank you"!