# THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15 NIV.

#### **News from mission field**



Singapore Medical Society medical team

On the 15-21st of December of 2018 we had the pleasure of hosting a team of medical students from the Singapore Medical Society from Australia and New Zealand.

The team's activities included visiting a number of rural villages and setting up temporary free medical clinics for the day. The team offered medical care and medical advice as well as prescribing



Mark helping to translate for medical team

medication for those in need of care. The people of these villages have really experience the love of Jesus Christ through this medical mission.

We want to thank all 19 of the team members for all their good works and for thinking about the underprivilaged.

On the 23rd of December 2018, we celebrated Christmas with the children at the orphanage, we also invited people around the area of the orphanage to join us for Christmas as well. In the morning we had a

Christmas service and proclaimed the Gospel talking about the true meaning of Christmas

and why we Christians celebrate Christmas. After the morning service my wife Ruth cooked lunch and we had lunch together with the people and children. After lunch there were a number of activities including several different games and prizes. Everyone had a wonderful time and we thank God we got to celebrate Christmas with the children and villagers.



Ruth cooking noodles



Children lining up for noodles



Mark, Woo jin and Luke making dessert



Christmas presents for the Children

On the 7-9th of January 2019 a mission team from my daughter in law's church in South korea came and visited us. The mission team from South Korea prepared a number of performances about the Gospel and performed for our churches. The church members enjoyed the performances but more importantly they were encouraged and reminded of God's love for them.



Mission team from South Korea performing

On the 17th of January to the 3rd of February our forwarding agents Tom and Linda as well as our long time family friend and sister in Christ Donna came to visit us from the United States once again. Thank you so much for your friendship and for coming out and visiting us yearly after all these years. Thank you also for bringing the word of God to the villagers and to the churches your messages have been an invaluable source of encouragement for the churches and the members. Thank you also for coming out to stay with the children at Suk Jai Children's



U.S. mission team with Suk Jai children

home and for providing them with good times, many wonderful activites and good memories. Most importantly however, thank you for reminding them of God's love for them through both the Bible lessons and stories. We thank God that through our combined efforts many of the older children this year, 11 of them, have accepted Christ as their Lord and Savior and were baptized. We really praise God for this.



Baptism at Jia Jan village



The two new believers at Jia Jan

On the 10th of March 2019 we thank God that 2 women at Jia Jan village accepted Christ and were baptized. The two new believers are named Na da u and E na. In 2014 E na's father accepted Christ and was baptized by me. E na was not happy at all when her father accepted Christ in 2014 and she did everything in her power to get her father to go back to Animism (spirit worship). Her father was faithful in his new faith and did not waver, he stood firm and never went back to animism despite E na's efforts. In the last year however E na's father became very ill, so ill to the point where he wasn't able to speak He was admitted to a hospital for a week and his condition never got better. E na then went to the village witch doctor or shaman and asked the reason why her father was ill and the shaman said it was because your father is a Christian. After hearing this she took her father out of the hospital against the advice of doctors and took her father back to their village and had the shaman try to heal her father. After many attempts the shaman was not able to heal her father, in fact his condition got worse. Finally, minister this village and his wife went to visit E na's father and because at that time E na was still against Christianity she didn't like them. When her father saw the minister and his wife he became very happy and ask that the minister and his wife pray for God's healing upon him. Not long after their visit E na's father got better and was able to speak again.

Because of what happened to her father E na witnessed God's great power over the spirits that she used to worship and so she decided to accept Christ as her Savior and was baptized. Thank God for His Greatness.

On the 26-30th of March 2019 we held a Bible Conference as well Medical mission. We would like to thank the mission team and medical team from Singapore who have come out yearly and made this ministry possible. For this combined ministry we had Bible class for adults and children in the morning starting from 8:30 am to 12:00 pm. Then in the afternoon starting from 2:00pm to 5:30pm we set up a clinic and did medical ministry. Then in evening starting from 7:30pm to 9:30 pm there was another Bible class for the adults and the children. We thank God and praise God that on the last day of the Bible conference 15 people accepted Christ as their Lord and savior and were baptized.



Group picture from Bible Conference



Bible class for adults



Children and youth class



Baptism of new believers



15 new believers

## The orphange



Children of Suk Jai Orphanage

The children at the orphanage have now started there new school term. Everybody is very happy because they got new school uniforms. By the grace of the Lord all the children are all doing great. This year we have 28 children and have 3 new boys at Suk Jai. The first boy is named Pi ri ya from Jia Jan village, the second boy is named Su thi chai from Pa sak village and the third boy is named Sa ra wut from Jia Jan village. These 3 boys do not yet have any sponsors. If you feel God leading you to sponsor and support anyone of these 3 children please let me know and I will send the child's details to you.



Renovation of the Orphanage

changing of the orphanage roof

On the 2nd of March we started renovations on the orphanage despite the fact that we have yet to reach our projected budget of \$17,188 for the entire renovation project. We were not able to wait any longer for the funds since by May the monsoon season would have started and construction during this time is difficult and might have to be delayed to a later time. In addition there is also the issue of urgency to change the roof before the monsoon since parts of the old roof were already leaking or broken. So with this we have gone ahead with the funds that we have and started the first stage of the renovation by first changing the roof of the orphanage. We thank God that we have now completed the first stage of the renovation and the orphanage now has a new roof. We have yet to start the second stage of the renovation which is adding an extra layer of security to the orphanage building by installing slinding vertical metal sheet doors to the entrance of the building on the first floor since we do not yet have enough funds for this yet. We are still missing an additional \$7,319. Please continue to pray for this project and that in the near future we will be able to raise enough funds to complete the renovation.



roof change complete (front view)



roof change complete(back view)

As for the breakdown of expenses for the changing of the orphanage roof is as follows:

- cost of labor \$4,839
- -cost of materials and metal sheet \$4,418

We want to thank you all for your prayers and thank you for all your donations in making this project possible.

May God bless you as you work for Him.