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# THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence.

Colossians 1:18

Our dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we hope that this newsletter finds you well. It is now nearing the end of the monsoon season and the start of winter. This year it has been projected that this will be a winter that is colder than usual in the northern part of Thailand where we are. Every week starting from the month of September all the way to the first week of December the churches in our ministry will celebrate Thanksgiving. The reason why the different churches celebrate thanksgiving at different times is because in each village rice is planted at different times depending on the availability of water. Some years when there is enough water rice will be planted in May but if there is not enough water rice is planted in July. So in the villages that rice is ready for harvest they will have thanksgiving before the villages that have a later harvest. Thanksgiving is a good celebration for the Lahu people because during each celebration we invite both believers and non-believers to come and eat together but we also evangelize and share the Good news with them as well. Please pray for us that we will be faithful tools of God

and that the Holy Spirit will move among the non-believers and bring many of them to Christ in the coming Thanksgiving services.

## Nong Khio Church



sharing God's word at Nong Khio church

After the construction of the church building was completed on the 26th of September. Nong Khio church has already held their Thanksgiving service with around 300 people who came and participated. We also ask that you pray for the minister of Nong Khio church minister Law Lo who is having some complications with his health. In August of this year he suffered from a stroke, we thank God that his daughter was home at the time and was able to quickly get him to the hospital. He has since gotten better, he can now walk but he experiences numbness in his left leg and his left hand still feels weak.

Despite this minister Law lo still manages to preach almost every Sunday.



Minister Law lo and his wife



Baptism at Pang kwai villege

## Pang Kwai Church



Baptism of mr.Ja ga at Pang kwai villege

Minister Samuel and his wife Martha have been serving at this village and church for about 5 years now. Five months ago we had asked you to pray with us for a family a daughter and her father who were interested in the Gospel. Praise the Lord! last month both of them decided to accept Christ as their Savior and were both baptized. Please pray with us for these two new believers, their names are Ja ga (father) and Na ui (daughter) that they will continue to grow in faith and spirit. Also please continue to pray for the villagers of this village that their hearts will be opened and many of them will come to know Christ.

## Sap ta Kian Church



Sap ta kian church members

In this village is comprised mainly of non believers. There are still very little believers in this village. About 3 months ago one of the believers in this village named Na ye had suffered from heart complications coupled with asthma. On the night that Na ye was sick she was taken to a local hospital but with her condition the local hospital determined that they did not have the proper equipment to treat her so she was sent to a bigger hospital in the city. The problem with going to the bigger hospital to receive treatment was that she had to pay for a very expensive hospital bill because she did not have Thai citizenship. If she had Thai citizenship the government would have paid for her hospital bill. Due to this she was not able to get the treatment she needed and was only treated initially. When the Witch doctor of the village heard about Na ye's condition he knew that it would be difficult for Na ye to recover from her illness and so mocked the minister saying that I thought your God was almighty and why did this happen to her. Also he said that if God was so great then why don't you pray for her then maybe she might recover. After hearing this the minister called me and asked what

we can do for Na ye and her treatment. I told him that in terms of the hospital fee I did not have enough money to help, but I also told him that one thing we can do is pray for her and meditate on Psalm 116:1 "God hears our prayers". That night the minister and I gave our prayer request for Na ye out to all the churches that we know including the churches in our ministry asking everyone to all pray for Na ye. In the morning two other ministers that I know including myself went to the hospital where Na ye was and prayed for her and gave her and her husband some money that the churches had raised for their expenses at the hospital. A few days later Na ye's condition got better and the doctor said that she could go home. We praise God that He hears our prayers and manifests his Glory and Greatness in ways that may seem impossible for us to comprehend. What happened here to Na ye and to this village is a very good witness to the Gospel and to God's greatness. We would like to thank you all for your prayers for Na ye. She is now doing better, but please continue to pray for her health.



Abel and Ruth with Na ye and her husband

## Orphanage



Our children sang at Nong khio church thanksgiving service

This year we have all together 28 children. Two are in Bible college and one is in Physical education college. The remaining

twenty five are studying kindergarten to high school. The children are now on a break, there schools will resume again on the 12th of November. We thank God that all the children are doing well and are all in good health as usual.

We would now like to make a special prayer request for the fundraising of a drinking water filtration system for the children at the orphanage. We once had a small drinking water filter installed at the orphanage but that one had already broke down and is no longer usable. The water at the orphanage is particularly a problem during the monsoon season as the rain makes the drinking water at the orphanage muddy. For this reason we feel that the water is not very safe for the children there and have asked a water company specializing in water filters to help design a water filtration system that fits the needs of the orphanage. The projected total cost for this project is \$6,680. Please pray with us for this project, that we will be able to raise enough funds to provide safe drinking water for the children at the orphanage.



Left glass (water from orphanage) Right glass (water from city)



## Family News



Our family at my father's funeral

My father who has been bedridden for 5 months passed away on the 10th of September at the age of 98 years. My father had dementia so in the later days of his life he was not able to recognize or remember anyone. Despite this we did our best to care for him as best we could. A few weeks after my father's passing my mother also became ill and was hospitalized. About four days ago she was discharged from the hospital and is now recovering at home. Please pray for my mother as she has not yet recovered. As for Ruth and myself we are both doing well, but we have been quite busy preaching and visiting the churches as well as looking after my parents. We thank God that He has been good to us in strengthening us and keeping us in good health. Once again Ruth and I would thank you for all your love, prayers and support and I especially thank you for your partnership in the Lord's ministry in Thailand.