THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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I, Jehovah, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings." Jeremiah 17:10 ASV

In the past two weeks, Northern Thailand has been much hotter than usual, some days reaching 41C due to a heat wave. At the same time the air pollution in Chiang Mai got very bad due the practice of slash and burn farming. We thank God two days ago there was a storm and it rained which helped with the pollution. Although it rained the weather is still hot. A few weeks from now, Thailand will be entering the rainy season. When the rainy season arrives, I hope the weather will be better.

News from the churches

On April 23rd, Ruth and I went to preach at Nong Khiaw Church. That Sunday four people decided to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and were baptized. Please pray for these 4 new believers that they will continue to be strengthen in faith. I would also like to ask you to pray with us for this church and the minister of this church who is now over 60 years old, two years ago he had a stroke and he has not been in good health ever since. The church committee of Nong Khiaw now has plans for finding a new minister for this church since the current minister is not able to properly fulfill his pastoral duties due to his health. We and the church committee are now praying that God will send us the right person to continue to lead this church, and also please continue to pray for the current minister and his recovery.



Abel preaching at Nong khiaw church



Baptism at Nong khiaw village



4 new believers being baptized at Nong khiaw village

Jia Jan church



Minister Eh neh and his family

The minister at Jia Jan church is named Eh-neh, the current situation at this village is that another Christian group has come in and are trying to talk to Jia Jan church members into joining their church which is further causing problems within the Jia Jan church congregation. This other Christian group is causing many members to leave the church which is not a good example for non-Christians in the village. Please pray for us to have wisdom from God to solve this problem.

The orphanage



Children at the orphanage

This year at the orphanage we have a total of 24 children from kindergarten all the way to college. This is also including the two new boys that have just arrived. We thank God that all the children are doing well and healthy. The children have been on summer vacation for about two months now and they are now ready to go back to school. Their schools will resume on May 15. We have three high schoolers and they attend a different school from the children in elementary because the elementary school does not have high school education, so it takes about 30-40 minutes to drive them to school. This is one of the reasons we have to have a pickup truck that is in good condition to transport the kids. We recently bought a new pickup truck for the purpose of transporting the children due to this we owe \$5,000 to the car dealership. Please pray that there will be enough budget to pay off the orphanage's truck debt.



The orphanage's truck



Pee ra phon

Jan ta raat

The child information

Pee-ra-phon last name Saen-kham age 7 years old Since he was born, his parents divorced, leaving him to his grandmother. The child's father was addicted to drugs. The child's grandmother said that the child's father had disappeared and never came back to see his child. Mother fled to another province to have a new family. Since fleeing, they have never come to see their children. Grandfather has passed away. Grandmother was alone and poor, unable to continue to take care of this grandchild.

Jan ta raat Ja hae, he is 6 years old. They don't know who his father is and his mother has a disability because she is deaf. His mother is having difficulties talking care of Jan ta raat because finding a job is difficult for her and leaving Jan ta raat in the care of his grandparents is also not an option because they are also very poor.



After arriving at the orphanage gave these two children a nice bath and gave new clothes. Looks good



Ruth distributing school uniforms to children

Three months ago Luke's father-in-law (Luke is our second son). His father-in-law has lung cancer and he was not in good condition he was not able to walk properly or eat, he could only eat powdered supplements.

We had asked you for your prayers for him and we thank you for your prayers and by God's mercy we thank God now he is getting better by the day, he can now eat normally can walk properly, and have started to gain weight. In his last check up, the doctor told him that the cancer is stable and has not spread further. We truly thank you for your prayers and please continuous to pray for Luke's father in law and his recovery. Please pray also that Luke's in laws will see God's love and greatness in this situation that they will come to Christ.

Ruth and I are traveling around and preaching as well as visiting the different Churches that we minister in, we thank God that He has provided us safety in our travels.

We thank each and every one of you for your continued faithful support and prayers for our family and The Lord's work in Thailand.