

The Kingdom of Thailand



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Dear Pastor and Church,

February - March 2025

Greetings once again from Thailand. We had our Valentines Banquet Saturday February 15 at the church. Each table was packed as we had Thais, Americans, Filipinos, Pakistanis, Kenyons, Chinese, English, Lahu and a Canadian. These special days help connect those attending the Saturday English program with our church members. With these connections they feel less nervous to attend Sunday services. Please continue to pray for our English, soccer, and children outreaches.

On March 4th we attended funeral services for Pastor Somboon. He was training for the ministry under missionary Tim Ekno when I first arrived in Thailand over 30 years ago. No matter what ministry or business endeavor he was involved in, he had one goal, 'What opportunities would this open up for me to tell others about my Lord and Savior?' He left this world after a long battle with diabetes and gout.

We were hoping to set up a week block course (Old Testament Survey) in Huey Saa during the month of May. The rain has come a little early so many will start preparing their fields. We just finished this course in Bangkok. We taught Sunday afternoons. It went better than expected with many nationalities (8 Thais, 2 Filipinos, 2 Pakistanis, and 2 Americans). I ended up with over 900 powerpoint slides for this course. The goal was to cover four books each Sunday, 30 minutes a book. We will start New Testament Survey first week of June.

On a Saturday in the middle of March I had just finished teaching the Bible to the English students when I noticed an elderly woman standing outside the front door looking in. This happens quite often as people are walking by and they see a foreigner inside. They stop (curiosity) to see wants going on. Most of the time as soon as you get to the door they get an embarrassed look on their face and take off. As I opened the door she just stood there staring at me. I said 'Hello' and asked if I could help her with anything. By this time I was thinking that she was waiting for one of the students. She asked, 'Is this a church?' I replied in the affirmative. She then asked, 'Can I come?' 'Of course,' I said. 'We would love to have you come.'

The next day, Sunday, after the service had started I noticed her and another woman standing outside the door looking in. We invited them in and Kannika sat with them in the back of the church. They have attended every Sunday since. Her name is Gung and her friend's name is Dtuk. Gung is a nice lady but can have a hard and stand-offish attitude about her all at the same time. She will not talk about her personal life and can get obnoxious with, 'Why does it matter?' Or 'That's none of your business.' She pushes a cart and goes through peoples trash for recyclable items to sell at the recycle center. Kannika has spent time witnessing to her one on one. Although she won't talk about it you can tell she has lived a hard life and has been hurt deeply. Because of this she has put a wall around herself and will not allow anyone to approach that wall. Please pray Kannika will have wisdom as she witnesses to Gung and that the Holy Spirit will work in Gung's life that she may see the love and healing God has for her.

We thank you for your prayers and support.
God bless you all.

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Kannika, Dtuk, Gung