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Dear Pastor and Church,

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Greetings from Thailand once again. When Thais think of Christmas they don't think about the birth of Jesus Christ. Most Thais see Christmas as the white man's New Year. Many Asia countries have their own New Year. Chinese New Year is usually in February.

Thailand's is in April. What do each of these groups do on their New Year? They get together with family, friends, and even coworkers to celebrate and give gifts to each other. Same as we do at Christmas time. They see Christmas as the white man's New Year and January 1st as the New Year celebration for the world. This opens up opportunities for us. So, We put together Christmas songs depicting Christ with a MC expounded the real meaning of Christmas. We gather packets with a Christmas coloring book, a brochure on the true meaning of Christmas, a couple salvation tracts, a small box of colors, and a few pieces of candy. Practice began right after Thanksgiving as we began contacting malls in our area. December 2013 was our first program in the Malls.



And now it is a combined effort of Bang Jak Baptist Church and Benthai Baptist Church. We have added a section for the deaf to participate as well as children from the two churches singing and doing a skit in a manger scene.

This year we had our church Christmas party on Friday 19th. Saturday evening we put on our Christmas program at Central Mall Bangna. Sunday we had a combined Christmas service (both churches) at Avana Bangkok Hotel before heading to Central World Mall for two programs Sunday afternoon and evening. We finished Christmas Day at Paradise Mall. We gave out over 2,000 packets with the Gospel and true meaning of Christmas; which is the main purpose of the outreach. The malls don't allow religious material to be handed out but while putting on a program we've never had a problem. Especial with the opportunity to have your picture taken with Santa. No one declines to receive the packet when Santa is helping to pass them out. That's one reason I went from wearing a dinosaur outfit, to a blow-up Santa costume, and finally to a Santa outfit. Bangna even advertised 'The Christmas Carol and Festive Moments of Bang Jak Baptist Church.' And included, "Meet Santa Claus"



I was invited back to Central World to be their official Santa for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. But the Real Santa only comes when there is a Choir singing about the true meaning of Christmas and packets of the Gospel are handed out.