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WANTED: Thai church leaders in the US to return to Thailand to help start new churches.

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Thai Leaders Needed

I am not sure what will come of this. I feel that I am supposed to make this call to Western churches. In some of your churches there are people from Thailand who are now in the US or Australia or Canada. Some are students. Some are working. Some are just members of your church. Some are leaders.

We need them in Thailand to help grow and start churches. Our church planting efforts in major metropolitan areas has stalled. We need leaders who have seen healthy growing churches who can bring back the fire to Thailand. We need them to help restart our church planting efforts. If you know some of these Thai people. Pray with them; talk with them and please put them in contact with me.

Trip North

Kelly travelled to Northern Thailand to meet up with a church from Oregon that is building a church for a Hill Tribes village. Sunnyside Foursquare church is working side by side with the local community to build a church in a Lahu village. They are also presenting the gospel in several schools in the area.

Ghosts?

Michele Mustain is one of our volunteer English teachers here in Bangkok. Before one of her classes who wrote on the white board, "Jesus loves you" and "God bless you" in Thai. That may have been the spark for what happened next. A young student, about 13 years old, named Tat, came up to Michele and asked "teacher, do you believe in ghosts?" Michele was not sure how to respond, so she said that she believes in Jesus, and that in the Bible there are some good ghosts called angels and bad ghosts called demons. Then Tat said, "I'm afraid of ghosts".

Michele told him that he doesn't have to be afraid, because Jesus is more powerful than any ghost, and that Tat can pray to Jesus for help. Michele then showed him a children's English Bible and asked if he knew anything about it. He said "a little" and when she asked if he wanted one, he said yes. So, the



following Saturday, after Michele bought some Bibles, she took them to class for all the students in her class. They were all excited to get the Bibles, especially Tat. He took hold of Michele's hands and said thank you for remembering.

This is what our teachers do every day. If you would like to join us, please contact me.

Muslim School Outreach

The church did an outreach at a Muslim operated school, teaching English. This is the school where many of the children from the slums attend, including most of our children in our Sunday school group. We passed out flyers invited the children to our twice weekly Christian meetings in the slums as well.

On Tuesdays we teach the bible in the slums near our church. On Thursday we teach the children English. All these children are from lower income families in Bangkok.

Matthew leaves for College

Please pray for Matthew as he leaves to go to Azusa Pacific University in California this week. He has lived in Thailand since he was seven years old and he will need to adjust to the culture in the United States, which is very different from where he grew up. He finished his year 13 studies at a British High School in Bangkok with all A's.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray that the rest of the funds for the new building will be raised soon. Money has been coming in, but our costs have been going up. The seven story facility will house two churches, WorldBase, Language school and several social ministries and offices. We just put up the roof this week.

Please pray for our language teachers by name: Mike, Michel-lyn (Canada), Michele, Evan, Sarah (Australia), Andy, Tina, Frank and Meryl Whitmore (Australia), Kristen, Elena (Canada), Chris and Cindy. Pray that our teachers would develop friendships quickly and be effective in sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray that these "seekers" and new believers can be discipled in the Thai church.

Pray that God would raise up new leaders so that we can follow through with our plan to plant more churches in Bangkok.

Pray for the New Bible College that we would grow and be able to raise up new leaders for the future.

Pray for our Kid's Discipleship ministry (Kid's Quest) and the leaders of that ministry, Gary and Paula Hays.

Continue to pray for everyone's health. Also pray for our continued protection, especially as we travel.

Let us know how we can pray for you.