

OCTOBER UPDATE 2008

Thailand Newsletter from the Hilderbrand's

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NEEDED: People with a desire to share Jesus, willing to serve 3 months to 1 year sharing Jesus through teaching English. We will train.

Meeting in Medan Indonesia (ECFC)

It is thought that North Sumatra was the entry point for Islam in Southeast Asia. Until recently a civil war raged to establish Islamic rule in the area of Aceh. Over 15,000 lives were lost. Only the devastating tsunami of 2004 brought peace to the area.

Not far from Aceh in Northern Sumatra is the town of Medan. It was here that Kelly and a group from Thailand travelled to attend the bi-annual convention of the ECFC (Eastern Council of Foursquare Churches). Foursquare Churches from Pakistan, Japan, China, Vietnam and almost every country in Asia came to gather in Medan.

Indonesia is the world's largest Muslim country. It is also home to almost 15,000 Foursquare

Christian churches. We worshipped and had our meetings in a beautifully designed church building where several hundred Indonesians come to worship each week. Delegates were warned not to travel without a police escort, although several of us did manage to slip away and see things on our own. On our free afternoon, a shopping trip was arranged with many, many police officers watching over the group.

New Ministry Center

We have almost completed the new ministry center. Everyone is invited to our dedication service on January 9, 2008. God has done miracle after miracle to get us to this place. January 9 is the day for us to acknowledge God in all he has done.

We still have debts to pay off and your donations to our financial freedom is appreciated.





Political Clashes

Please pray for the ongoing political upheaval in Bangkok. In a recent clash between police and protesters, three people were killed and many more injured, losing limbs, feet and hands. The clashes are limited to the Parliament buildings and don't affect day to day activity in Bangkok, but the stalemate between parties has paralyzed the government.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray the quick completion of the new ministry center and relief from our debt burden. The seven story facility will house two churches, WorldBase, Language school and several social ministries and offices. We are scheduled to finish by December 2008.

Please pray for more language teachers. We will be down to only three full time teachers for 700 students by January.

Please pray for our language teachers by name: Michel-lyn (Canada), Evan, Andy, Tina, Kristen. 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 Mike and Bee Arter who are making the transition from Bangkok to serve in Mae Sot with Pastor John.

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

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.