

NOVEMBER UPDATE 2008
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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.

New Drug Rehab Center

We will be starting a new Drug Rehabilitation Center in Chiang Mai province. Pastor Gaew has experience working at two other rehab centers in Chiang Mai and will now start a new center near the Golden Triangle at Grace Foursquare Church. This area is one of the biggest drug areas in the world, supplying heroin and meth to most of Asia and beyond. We will accept only five men at the beginning. As these men go through the program, they will be trained as mentors to help others through the program.

Right now we are looking for people to partner with us in this project. We are using our own resources to get started, but the cost of operating this center will be \$400/ month. We have use of the church facilities. Our costs are only food and utilities. If you are interested in helping, please contact me.



New Ministry Center

Last week a cobra found its way into our new building. As is common, the snake was captured and released. Killing the snake is considered a sin in Thai culture. After everything is sealed up, we should not have that problem again.

The New Ministry Center is scheduled to be completed by November 17. We have entered into a little wager on the completion date. If the building is completed by that time, the church will sponsor a party for all the workers. If the building is not completed by that date, the construction foreman will pay for the party. We are already packing up equipment and furniture for the move and the foreman is having everyone work late into the night to get things done.

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.



Bible College

We just completed a two week intensive in Chiang Mai province for our Thailand Bible College. Dr. Clayton Robinson, a teacher at Life Pacific, taught Theology 1. Andy Opie, one of our English teachers and a graduate of Life Pacific College taught Spiritual Formation and Kelly taught Foursquare Polity and Distinctives.

The Prosperous Village

Several years ago, the Pastor of Grace Foursquare church helped a group of Akha's migrating from the

jungle purchase a piece of property near the town of Fang in Chiang Mai province. At the time, the property was considered cursed by the people of that area and no one lived or even passed through the land. Those who did often fell sick or died. After the land was purchased, and the people moved onto the land, many did grow sick. Pastor Timothy of Grace church came and blessed the land and shared the gospel with the people. The people were healed and accepted the gospel message.

Shortly thereafter, Kelly visited the land, ate dog with the people and helped to plant rice. The homes were primitive. There was no water or electricity. Water was hauled up in buckets from a well down the hill, a long walk from the new village. The people in the surrounding villages watched to see what would happen to this group of Akha's who dared to live on the land.

This past month, Kelly revisited the land, They now have their own well, plus, water is pumped in directly from the town. Electricity has reached the village and many of the homes are well built and modern by Akha standards. The children go to school in town and a health center to treat sickness and disease is just a short walk from the village. In a matter of a few years, God has blessed these group of people and made them prosperous beyond their dreams. The joy and happiness in the village is visible to everyone who comes. From downtrodden refugees moving out of the jungle to a prosperous village with a Christian church in the midst of them. God is truly with this village.

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, Bible College and several social ministries and offices. We are scheduled to finish the month.

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.

Pray for the new Drug Rehab Center in Chiang Mai and the finances to continue its operation.

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.