

## **JANUARY 2009 UPDATE**

### **Thailand Newsletter from the Hilderbrands**

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## **Wanted: Thai Christian leaders in Australia, Canada and the US to return and help the Foursquare Church in Thailand**

### **New Year's Tragedy**

On New Years eve we gathered for the countdown on the roof of our new building. Kelly and Angie left early. The Burmese church was doing a special service in the morning and Kelly wanted to be fresh for that. At midnight, right outside our window about a block away, New Years revelers lit stage fireworks inside Santika night club. The building caught fire and over 62 people perished. Kelly and Angie were asleep, but Matthew, who was home for the holidays, and Christopher saw the smoke and heard the commotion.



It was an indescribable horror so close to home. Some acquaintances we knew, were in the club. They escaped the flames climbing over dead bodies. It was a horrible way to start the New Year for our neighborhood. Please pray for the families that have been affected by this horrible event.



### **Dedication Ceremony**

On the brighter side of things, we dedicated our new building on January 9, 2009. It was 10 years and one day since we arrived in Thailand to begin the ministry. Thai pastors, leaders, congregation members and friends celebrated the dedication of our new seven story multi purpose ministry center in Bangkok. Thai Foursquare President Rev. Somphon (John) Srivichai, along with Regional Chairman for Foursquare Southeast Asia Rev. Henry Liew from Malaysia and FMI

Representative George Butron, all participated in the opening ceremonies.

The new center will be called Our Home Ministry Center and the new address is:  
16/1 Soi Ramkhamhaeng 30  
Ramkhamhaeng Rd  
Huamark, Bangkok  
Bangkok 10240  
Thailand



The Center will house two churches (Thai and Burmese) that have helped to start four other churches. We are also home to several ministries including ETCB (Evangelism through Church Businesses), WorldBase Thailand, Our Home Study Center (Tutorial school and English Center with over 700 students), YoSo Christian Travel Agency, a slum children's outreach, a community center, a University Christian club, and other ministries. The ministry center also supports village churches, supports the ministry of six homes for children at risk of human trafficking and a school for refugee children. We are hosting training events for Foursquare pastors from throughout Asia and will soon start a restaurant/coffee house on the ground floor that will cater many of our training events.

Thank you to all who have contributed to this new facility. We are working to use it to maximum benefit. We are still in debt for \$100,000 so contributions are still welcome,

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

**Please pray for Kelly's mom, Barbara. Her heart is slowly failing and the doctors have stopped treating her, except to make her comfortable. She is resting comfortably at home under the care of Kelly's father and a hospice nurse.**

Please pray for more language teachers. We have only four full time teachers for 700 students. It is enough, but we could use more.

Please pray for our language teachers by name: Evan, Andy, Tina, Leah and Corey. 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 disciplined 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 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.