

MARCH 2009 UPDATE

Thailand Newsletter from the Hilderbrands

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Wanted: Thai Nationals in overseas churches to return to help the Foursquare Family in Thailand.



Ten years in Thailand

1. You know you have been in Thailand for more than ten years when an elephant walking down the road blocking trafficking is not exciting, it's just irritating.
2. You know you have been in Thailand for more than ten years when you know exactly how much to bribe a policeman who pulls you over for speeding.
3. You know you have been in Thailand for more than ten years when you can talk about

how things were in Bangkok in the old days before mass transit and Starbucks.

4. You know you have been in Thailand for more than ten years if you put on a jacket when the temperature drops into the 70's Fahrenheit and you set your air conditioner to 25 degrees Celsius (80 degrees Fahrenheit).

New Coffee Shop

Everyone is being trained as a barista – even Kelly and Angie! The ground floor of our new building is a coffee shop where people from the neighborhood come to work on their computers, have meetings, bible studies, hang out and drink coffee.

Travel to the North

Kelly travelled to the Golden Triangle region of Thailand to officially open our new drug rehab center. When he arrived, he found out the date had been changed. The local government officials decided they could not come at the last minute and asked the church to change the date.

Still, Kelly visited some churches up north and then traveled to Chiang Rai to meet with our missionaries to the Akha people, Paul and Lori Vernon. He then travelled to Chiang Mai for a Foursquare Thailand National Board Meeting.

Financial Needs and Prayer requests

The economy in America and all over the world is suffering a severe recession, but for those who are still being blessed by God financially, the ministry in Thailand is expanding and needs you to prayerfully consider supporting the following projects.

1. Children's Slum Ministry Camp, April 30 to May 1. We will be having a camp for children in our church who live in the slums and their friends. The cost of the camp is \$2,000. The children are raising money to go, but it won't be enough to cover all the costs.



2. Drug Rehab Center in the Golden Triangle. Our program has been approved by the government and already has four patients. Rehabilitation is done through hard physical labor, intense study of the bible, prayer and worship. We have the facilities already. Our only costs are food. We need about \$500 a month to feed the staff and patients.

3. Support for Hill Tribes Pastors. Many of our Hill Tribes pastors live off \$60 a month. But as of January we have not been able to support all of them. There is just not enough money to support all the pastors in the new churches we have started. Please pray about supporting a Hill Tribes pastor.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for more language teachers. We have only four full time foreign teachers for all our students. We need more.

Please pray for our language teachers by name: Evan, Andy, Tina, and Leah. Also helping us to teach part time are Kelly, Angie, Christopher and Eva. 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.