

APRIL 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.



Five hundred Saved

Last year we started 19 churches among the Hill Tribes people. We decided to follow up that success by having a camp where all those churches could gather and bring their friends to hear the gospel. We had that camp this month, March 18-20 in a village near Chiang Dao. Over 500 people decided to receive Jesus during those three days.

We do not have enough pastors for all the churches that are being started. We are looking for funds to purchase video recording equipment. That way we can gather believers together in their villages. They can worship together, but then we would send them the message on DVD each week for them to watch.

Saved and Delivered

It was Friday night. The sermon was on Rahab the prostitute. Despite her past, the book of Hebrews lists her as a hero of faith. She believed God and believed that God would do what God said he would do – give the promised land to the Israelites.

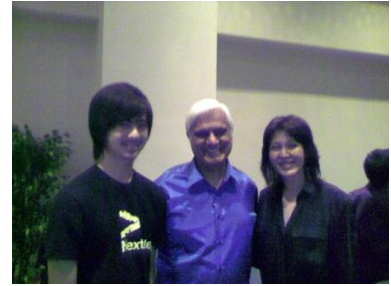
After the sermon, I walked to the back of the sanctuary while we began another round of worship. People sang and danced. Fern, the church accountant, brought a young woman to the back to talk with me. I couldn't hear a thing so we walked out into the hallway.

This young university student had just told Fern that she wanted to follow Jesus. Something that was said during the sermon convinced her that God was real and she wanted to follow Him. We led her in a prayer and then she lifted up her head and reached for her necklace. Hung around her neck was a small idol, worn for protection and blessing. She turned the necklace around so she could reach the clasp and unhooked the idol from her neck. And with a big smile, she dropped it into her pocket. She was free from her past life and now free to pursue a new life.

We then walked back into the sanctuary together. There was more singing and dancing and then Fern brought this young woman up front where she proclaimed that she had just received Jesus. We all cheered. Pastor Dton prayed for her again and then one of the older women in the church (my age) approached her with another necklace. This one had a big cross around it. She reached behind her neck and clipped this new symbol around her and gave the new Christian a big hug.

Ravi Zacharias

One of my biggest heroes is Ravi Zacharias, the philosopher/apologist. He came to Bangkok this month and I got to hear him speak and even shake his hand. I took a picture of him with Angie and Christopher.



Thank you

Thank you so much to those of you who have contributed to the needs of the ministry in Thailand. We have enough money now to do our camp for slum children in April. Please continue to remember us in your prayers and with your offerings.



We have been informed that because of the economic downturn and unless giving increases, no more funds will be coming for ministry purposes or projects this year from FMI. Even salaries for missionaries may be cut. We will be fine because Angie has a job teaching at an international school. But pray that funds will continue to come in for those missionaries who rely totally on faith and giving. Also pray for the children at risk, slum children and Hill Tribes church planters who rely on financial support.

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.

Pray for the funds to come in to continue operation of our five homes for Children at Risk and our School for Refugee children.

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.