

MAY 2009 UPDATE

Thailand Newsletter from the Hilderbrand's

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



New Years Celebration

April is the start of the new year in Southeast Asia and our Burmese Church hosted a celebration on April 4 in our new building. They invited all the Burmese Congregations in Bangkok to join them for a time of worship and celebration. Kelly gave the message. It was the first time that Kelly had ever heard Burmese Christian rap. It was—interesting.

The Thai church also held a traditional New Years celebration on Easter Sunday. People brought parents and grandparents to come and be blessed by water and prayer in the traditional Thai fashion. (See picture above.)



Youth Camp

April is the middle of summer in Thailand and the time for camps and outreach. This past month we had a camp for our youth and 63 people attended. Thirteen people were baptized.



Slum Kids Camp

That same week, we had a camp for slum children at a water park. We had 35 attend; two were baptized. Our Children's pastor, Ole, is doing a great job. She lives in the slums with the children and we bus the children to church every Friday and on Sundays.

Osaka

At the end of the month, Kelly traveled to Osaka to be the guest speaker at the 10 year anniversary of Hope Chapel Osaka. The pastor, Jeff MacKay, has started several churches in the Osaka area in the past 10 years. The church took great care of Kelly. He stayed in the Sheraton, did the Japanese bath thing, and ate lots of sushi.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for our language teachers by name: Evan, Andy, Tina, Michel-lyn, Eva and Leah. Also helping us to teach part time are Kelly and Christopher. 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 for Tina Opie who is heading back to the US for a month. Her grandmother just passed away.

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 our Freshy Camp in July. Ramkhamhaeng University will open in the next few weeks. Pray that we can have at least 200 students come to our camp.

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.