
THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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Have reverence for God, and obey his commands, because this is all that we created for. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from our home in Thailand, at this time Thailand is once again having protests about ousting the current government, also in the eastern part of Thailand as recent as yesterday, there was a border skirmish between Thai forces and Cambodian forces over disputed territory. Please pray that there will be peace in this area.



Distributing rice to the villagers

In the last newsletter I have reported that the Mae Gone village rice fields have been hit with a flash flood causing a rice shortage for the villagers in the coming year. I would like to thank you all for your generosity and help for the villagers, especially IDES in helping to provide the funds necessary to buy enough

rice for the villagers in their time of need. The villagers send their thanks again for all your help.



Bible conference at Mae Gone village

In January on the 23rd to the 26th we held a Bible conference as well as children's ministry at Mae Gone village. We had Bible studies in the morning, afternoon and at night and children's ministry in the evening. We would like to thank the mission team from the America for coming to share your love and experiences with the villagers.

Also in the last newsletter I have also reported about Ja-suh a teenage boy who decided to go Bible school in Bangkok without any support. We would like to thank you for your kindness in helping Ja suh. Ja duh will have finished his freshman year in the middle of March. He will have a break after he finishes his freshman year he will come back to Mae Gone for an internship and will start his sophomore year in mid May.

Sap ta Kian Village



Suthep and his wife

We thank God that after much prayer we have finally found a minister for this village. The minister's name is Suthep his wife's name is Dee-say. Suthep graduated from a Bible school that I use to teach at, he was also one of my students when he was studying at Bible school. Suthep became minister of this village in January, since Suthep came to this village things have been very good at this village. Both the children and the adults are now very interested in the Gospel. Please remember to keep Suthep and his wife in your prayers.

Shan ministry

In the past three months there have been many wonderful and exciting things that have been going on among the Shan people. In December, there was an old man age 63 named loong Sai who became very ill, he was not able to sleep at night because he said that at night he could feel something in his stomach which caused him a lot of pain. He and other Shan people believed that his sickness is the result of local Shan black magic. He was ill for many months, he went to see a regular doctor but there was nothing the doctors could do to help him, he also said that he went to see a witch doctor for six months but the witch doctor was also not able to help him. He got so ill, that he

became very thin almost to the point of death. One day when Som Chai the Shan minister was in the area he heard about loong Sai's sickness and went to visit him at his house. Som Chai told him about Jesus Christ and how Jesus had power over the evil spirits and any sickness. Loong Sai was very interested about the message that Som Chai gave because he had never heard anything like this before. So afterwards Som Chia prayed for loong Sai and left. That night from the many sleepless nights that he had had due to the pains, loong Sai was able to go to sleep and suffered no pains. In the morning loong Sai went to see Som Chai and told Som Chai that he now believed in Jesus Christ and that Jesus Christ is truly God and a God that could really help him. Not long after we baptized loong Sai. After becoming Christian loong Sai's condition has gotten better and his children are very happy that their father is healthy and well again. His children now are very interested in Jesus Christ.



Loong sai and Abel

On the 18th of December we held a Christmas program at the Shan village. We invited 200 Shan non-believers to the program and I gave a sermon to the Shan people. Many people heard the good news that day, many people were interested in the Gospel.



Abel baptizing Toon

On Sunday the 6th of February I went to preach at the Shan village and baptized a man name Toon. Toon's wife is already Christian. At first Toon was not interested in becoming Christian but from what he had seen in his wife and the other wonderful things that God has done in the Shan community Toon now believes that Jesus is God and has now decided to accepted Christ in his life and was baptized last Sunday.

Orphanage

We thank god that all our children at the orphanage are all doing well. In about one month the children will have their summer vacation. During their summer break we are planning several activities for the children such as VBS, taking them fishing, and fieldtrips. We would like to thank you for your love and kindness that you have for the children.



The children who were baptized

Praise the Lord, on 26th of December we had ten of the older children at the orphanage and one from Mae Gone village, decided to accept Christ as their savior and were all baptized. We are very happy that these children have come to Christ. This is the result of our co-labor in the Lord.

We would like to thank you all for helping to provide the funds for buying enough rice this year for the orphanage due to the flash flood. During the flash flood not only were the rice fields damaged but the dam that channels the river into our fields and the irrigation canal of the orphanage's rice fields were also damaged. As for the damaged received we must rebuild all the irrigation system before the next rice planting season which is in May.



Damage that the dam received

The dam will cost about \$5,000 to rebuild. As for the irrigation canal it will cost \$1,183 to rebuild. Last week we took the mission team from America to see the damage of the rice fields. We would like to thank one of the ladies on the mission team who contributed \$1,100 for the rebuilding of the irrigation canal. We also have one of our friends who are interested in doing a matching grant of \$2,500 to help with the rebuilding of the dam. If anyone is interested in matching this grant please let us know, so that we can contact our friends. Please keep the children and this rebuilding project in your prayers. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support for the Lahu and the Shan ministry. Your partnership is precious to us. We pray God's blessings for you and your ministries.