
THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ from Thailand. As many of you have probably already known, for the last two months Thailand has been in a situation of political unrest. Reports have said that there were a total of 89 deaths and around 2,000 injuries as a result of the protests that have taken place. We thank you for all your prayers for Thailand as now the situation seems to be going back to normal. We are not so sure about how this political unrest will continue to affect Thailand's future so again please keep Thailand in your prayers.

Thailand is now in the Monsoon season. Normally at this time of year there would be large amounts of rainfall. This year rain seems to scarce and this had had a major impact on our Church members in the different villages. With the low amount of rainfall this year, it has affected our Church members in that most of our Church members are farmers and they rely heavily every year on rainfall as rain is used to water their crops. In addition to this in some villages rainfall is so scarce that it has affected their water supply used primarily for drinking and other water based chores and needs. We would also like ask you to pray for these villages that are in need of water, so that the Lord will send for rain.

Orphanage



Children at the orphanage

The Children's summer vacation is up and they are all now back in school. Their school have started again for almost a month now. For this new school term we have a new child who has joined us at the orphanage. Her name is Nut-Cha, she is 7 years old, before joining us at the orphanage Nut-Cha has been staying with her aunt who has recently just passed away. She was put in the care of her aunt by her mother right after she was born, after her mother gave her to her aunt her mother abandoned her and her mother was never heard from again. As for her father he has passed away some time before Nut-cha was born.

With the addition of Nut-Cha we now have a total number of 23 children at the orphanage.



Nut-cha

We also recently just installed two solar powered water heaters for the children at the orphanage. We would like to thank our Christian friends from Singapore Mr. Boon Siong and Mrs. Chiew Sim for their kindness and love that they have shown to our children and for their donation for the water heaters.



Solar heater

As for the wall of the orphanage, it is now completed and the children now have a safer environment at the orphanage. Thank you all for your contributions in making this project possible. As of now the children are now mostly all young teenagers, expenses for school as well as the cost of living have also increased. Please pray that we will have enough budget for the children.

Mae Gone Church

For several years now Vinai has been both a minister at the Church and a house parent at the orphanage in Mae Gone village. Having two jobs at the same time was too much work for Vinai, so we decided to find a full



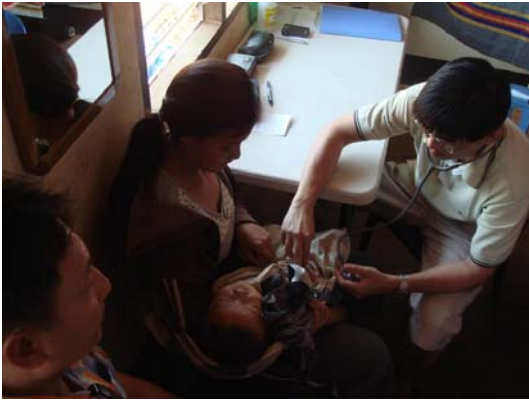
Minister Ja-jaw and Su-vi-mon

time minister for the Church. We thank God that we finally have found a minister for Mae Gone Church. The new minister is named Ja-Jaw, his wife's name is Su-vi-mon. They have two children.



Bible conference

In March on the 21st to the 25th we held a Bible Conference and at the same time also had Clinic for the villagers. We had Bible studies for adults and children in the morning and had clinic in the afternoon, we had not only the villagers of Mae gone who came for the clinic but also people from the surrounding area both Thais and Lahu. We had two women who heard that we were having clinic and walked about two hours from their village to where we were for the clinic. We would like to thank the mission team from Singapore for the many years of your faithful service to the Lord. We praise the Lord that at the end of the Bible conference there were 8 people who received Jesus Christ as their Savior and were baptized.



Doctor Michael checking up on patient



The eight people who were baptized

Pang Kwai Church

At Pang Kwai village, we have now extended our ministry to the Shan tribe living around the area. There are about 400 Shan families that live in this area. Som Chai and his family who are Shan are currently serving among the Shan tribe. Pastor Ja-suh who is serving among the Lahu people also helps teach guitar to the Shan teenagers who attend church. Right now there are many Shan people who are interested in Jesus Christ, people like Som Chai's mother who before when she heard of Som Chai becoming Christian was very angry with Som Chai and his wife. But as time went by his mother saw how becoming Christian made Som Chai and his wife become good people. Right now his mother is very interested in becoming Christian as well as his father who is currently a monk at the local temple near by. Please keep Som Chai and his family in your prayers as they serve among the Shan people.

We would also like to thank you for helping the poor children of this village both Shan and Lahu to attend school, I believe that this is a very good way for non believers to see the love that Christians have for one another by helping each other. Thank you again for helping the children.

Family News

We thank God that we are all doing very well. Ruth and I have been going to the different villages to visit the Churches, sometimes we bring our children from the orphanage along to visit the Churches to experience the work that we do, the children help us by singing for each Church we visit. Mark has also been very helpful to us, especially with the children at the orphanage, he is now also currently teaching English at one of the Bible schools in Chiang Mai. As for Luke he just got back from a special ROTC training camp. He will have to go again for another twelve days in August for his regular ROTC training. Luke will be in grade 11 when school resumes for him in August, He still enjoys his music very much.



Luke at ROTC camp

We are always thankful for your support, both in prayer and finance. Without your help in these two areas we would be unable to do our work. Your Support is producing fruit here in Thailand among the Lahu and Shan. We pray God's blessing on you as you work for Him.