

THAILAND GOSPEL TELEGRAM

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Brothers and sisters in Christ, as I am writing this newsletter, the province of Chiang Mai is experiencing a flood. In some parts of the city the water level is as deep as 2 meters. In the villages, many roads have been rendered inaccessible due to land slides and flash flooding, especially in the district of Mae Tang, just a few nights ago because of heavy rains, a village that was near a foot of a mountain was suddenly hit by a flash flood. This flash flood has claimed the lives of 5 people, who on the night of the flash flood were sleeping in their houses. This year Thailand has been having excess rain resulting in the northern part the northeastern part and the central part being heavily flooded. Please keep Thailand in your prayers.



The flooding of Chiang Mai city

News from Churches



Minister Noah and his family

The former minister at Mae Gone village has now retired. He chose to retire because he wanted to continue his education. At this time and after much prayer we now have a new minister at Mae Gone church. The new minister's name is Noah, his wife's name is U lee ya, they have two children. Minister Noah is of the Lisu tribe but he is fluent in Lahu as well. Normally Minister Noah is a teacher at a Bible school that is near Mae Gone village. In addition to being a Bible teacher Minister Noah is also a good musician. Minister Noah teaches the children at the orphanage and the other village children music. Furthermore, he has also composed new songs for Mae Gone Church. We thank God that he is now the minister at Mae Gone Church.

Because Mae Gone village is somewhat of a headquarters for the Lahu ministry, the church building that the villagers currently worship in is relatively small, and when all the church members come for worship there is always never enough room for the whole congregation. In addition, when we hold Bible conferences or other communal events the church is always too small to house everyone comfortably. That is why in this coming year we have decided that we will be expanding the church.

The new Church will be 18m long and 10m wide. The estimated budget for this new church building is \$13,069. Please keep this upcoming project in your prayers and that we will be able to raise enough funds to construct this new church building.



Leveling the land for the new Church building at Mae gone

Nong Khio Village Church

In the last 2 years, Nong Khio village Church has been without a minister. The former minister Law Low retired 2 years ago due to some conflicts with some church members. In the past year these church members have since moved to another church that is why in 2012 minister Law Low will be coming back and acting as minister for Nong Khio Church once again. Please keep this congregation in your prayers so that they will have unity in their church.

Shan ministry

We thank the Lord that the ministry among the Shan people is going well we have really

seen the Lord's work among the Shan people since we began.



Church members and I praying for the child

In July, there was a Shan Christian family that invited me to preach for their house warming. After I finished preaching, there was a couple who came into the house carrying with them their very young child. I asked the couple why they came and they told me that their child is very sick and was not doing well at all. They told me that prior to coming to see me, because of their concerns for their child they went to consult a witchdoctor about their child's condition. The witchdoctor said that this child is sick and on the brink of death because the couple are actually not the child's real parents the child's real parents who are spirits have come to claim their child. After hearing this and doing everything that the witchdoctor instructed them to do in order for their child to get better their child's condition remained the same. Because of this they lost all hope and so came to us looking for help because they have heard the Gospel that Jesus claims victory over evil spirits. After hearing their story I prayed for their child asking God to preserve this him and keep him in good health. About a week later the Shan Minister Som Chai called me and told me that the child was doing better and has since gained weight and has been eating regularly. The parents of this child have not yet accepted Christ but they certainly have witnessed the power of God in this matter, they however have since sent two of their daughters who are a little bit older than their boy to church

every Sunday. Please keep this couple and their family in your prayers that they may one day come to accept Christ.

On the 19th of September, a friends of mine who is also a minister and I went to preach at the Shan Church that Sunday. After the service a Shan woman in about her 50s came to the Church, she was not from this village and told me and my minister friend that she came here because she needed help. She said that she had a condition in which she felt that there was something stuck in her throat, this thing that was stuck in her throat has caused her a lot of discomfort as it causes her to cough continuously. Prior to coming to see us she went to see the witchdoctor in the village, but he was not able to help her. This woman believed that her condition was the product of a type of black magic which the locals here strongly believe. After hearing her story my minister friend and I prayed for the woman and asked for the Lord's healing touch upon her. About two days later the Shan minister Som chai called me and told me that, that night after our prayers for her she coughed until that object came out of her throat, she said that that object looked like a little black pellet. After coughing this out of her throat the woman said that she felt a lot better, as if nothing had happened to her. The next day she left and went back to her village. Please continue to pray for this woman so that she may also one day come to know and accept Christ.



My minister friends and I praying for the Shan woman

At the end of this month, we will begin construction of the Shan Church. Even though we have yet to raise the necessary funds for this building which is \$6,206, we will, with faith begin construction of this church. Please be reminded that we have currently raised \$2,034 and that we are still \$4,172 short of our overall budget. Please keep the Shan people and this construction in your prayers.

Suk Jai Children's Home



The damaged road leading to Suk jai children Home

In the last week due to heavy raining and flooding the orphanage's rice field once again is affected. This time a good portion of the rice field has been flooded, in addition the road leading to the orphanage is severely damaged and is now inaccessible. Up until now the local government has yet to fix the damaged road.

Despite the flooding and heavy rains all around, we continue to thank God that He has kept our children safe and in good health. In about a week the children will have a one month break from school. This week is the final exams for the children. The second term of school for the kids will start on the second week of November. Once again we would like to thank you for all your faithful and loving support of the all the children.

As you may already know about the economic situation in Thailand, due to rising gas prices the price of pork has increased significantly before we use to buy pork at



The piglets that we purchased

around 95 baht per kilo it has since risen to 160 baht per kilo. Because of this drastic increase in price we have decided that we will once again start raising pigs. We thank God that our Christian friends from Singapore have donated \$3,462 (US) for us to start this project. At this time we used the funds in the purchase of a machine used to slice banana trees which are used as a crucial component of our pig feed. Furthermore we have used the funds in the construction of a large pig pen as well as the purchase of 15 piglets. We plan to purchase a further 5 piglets so that we will have about 20 pigs. In another 4 months time we will be self sufficient with pork. Thank you again for your ever faithful support of Gods work in Thailand.



Abel demonstrating how to use the banana tree slicing machine to house parent



House parent and older children planting rice



The children putting the piglets in their pens



the children's classroom