



Children in Naga Village

Asian Gospel Outreach

Spreading the Gospel in Southeast Asia

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We would like to thank each one of you for praying for us faithfully and unceasingly. God has watched over us and taken care of us in every way. The weather has been extremely hot this year. The temperature had gone up to 110 degrees. The heat with humidity makes it hotter. I have had heat rash for about five months now. Rain finally comes that takes care of our air pollution for now. Smoke problem has dropped the number of tourists coming to Chiangmai down very low. The air quality had been in the crisis level. Leah and I had to spray water to cool the houses down and to catch invisible dust. Many trees dried out and died. Our submersible pump burnout and we had to replace with a new Thailand-made one that we could afford. Our water system is back to normal now.

Our Political Situation

Thailand finally had their first meeting in the house of representatives May 23rd. The chairman and vice chairman of the Parliament were elected. The end of five years of Military-led government is about coming to a new page. The parties that support Gen. Prayuth to be the prime minister won the majority seats. It is very interesting situation here. Some call this warped democracy (crooked). It has been about four months after the election but still no complete cabinet of government announced yet. We put our trust in the Lord not to the world.

Good News from China

We are so encourage to hear the good news from China. The teaching of the Gospel and the faith in the Lord Jesus Christ continue on. Back in my early trip to China I had a group of young people that hanged around with me. Every one of them became leader but one person particularly I want to mention is Mr. T. I remember we met in the small place, door closed, people packed. LaVern Morse and Chuck Fordyce gave a long greetings and fellowship. They brought words from John, Paul, and Peter to share with the brethren also. Some of the people that we met have gone on to the Lord. Those who stay are very active and continue the good works. I spent quality time with Mr. T for years and I supported him and his family for further studying and do the business. Today there are more than 1,000 that he trained for the work in China. They are scatter all over the valley. The little seeds have grown big now. I am very encouraged to hear they are bringing supplies and goods to help the refugees in Myanmar. In the midst of government control and crack down, the numbers of believers still growing. Churches that are not registered with the authority will be shut down. Churches that are registered have to sing national song first before any spiritual activity in the Church. All the teaching and sermons will be scanned and approved by the authority first. All the doors of churches will have CCTV to scan people coming into the Church. People under the age of 18 cannot go to Church. Retired government officers if they are caught going to Church their pension will be cut along with their benefit. This make more people go to home churches and become house Church Christians.

Thanks to the extra gifts of our partner churches, we had funds to purchase a new washing machine for Leah and to fund my (Ahtapa) trip to help people trapped in narcotics use!



Around the Home

Paul completed his studying and return home to be with us, so both his wife and him are now working with us. Ahsama has taken a job with good money as a shopkeeper in town near night bazaar. We are sorry that she left but we respect her decision and love. We always wish the best for her. She tries to make it back for Sunday but it is hard for her to get up to be at church on time. We are re-plastering the walls in the adobe house. The mud on the walls start falling down, so we got hydrate limb and soft sand mix together to give a good and strong plastering. We are doing slowly as we do not have much money. The Lisu brothers are working for us with friendly price and are doing very good work. Very nice hydrate limb plastering. (\$2.50 per square meter). Paul and his wife are doing most of the hard labor around here and taking care of the kids. With the fixing of building and our health issue that we are having we are not taking new children this year. We hope that next school year we can help more children as the Lord is leading us.



Ahtapa with House of Hope Children



Children showing their monthly supplies

Update on Students

During the school break all of our Children homes were busy fixing and renovated the building. All the students passed their exam in the past school years. Many have graduated high school and go on to higher level of Education. Mostly they have gone to Bible Schools. Some have gone on to vocational school, technical college. The villages in Myanmar still needs many more educated and strong spiritual leaders to lead the communities and country because the political conflict leads to the division in races and tribes there has been distrust and fear among people. Some people are taking advantage of other people by selling drugs. Lives still lost to drugs and related diseases. The War and the human rights violation is

Myanmar Houses of Hope are reaching out to their communities and have strong teams along with:

- Tana Township: 12 new kids
- Myitkyina: 50 kids
- Hteebaw: 43 kids
- Golden Triangle: 10 kids

still widely going. Besides preaching the gospel, our evangelists have to live to shine the light of Hope of the Lord Jesus and share the Love of Christ. Only Jesus can bring peace and true unity to the hearts of people. Life is hard in this part of the world. Many thousands people are homeless. We do not know when will be the end of the war in Myanmar. We thank God that in all situation He is leading and protecting His people.

More Updates



All of Joseph Gwa and (Sar Dee Nyi) Ahnyl's three children are married and help the work at House of Hope Myitkyina. Joseph took a trip to Chin State for the revival and the opening of the Churches of Christ Gospel Center in Kalemio. The Brothers and sisters are asking me to come there in the soon future. The gospel Center is serving the Churches in the area for books, Bible, Hymns, supplies, and Place to meet and to stay as people coming from mountain villages.

← Joseph and Ahnyl with their grandson

Health Concerns

Please pray for Leah and me as we both face with some health issue. Please pray that Leah will find a better and cheaper doctor. Leah is taking medicine for her liver, Hepatitis B virus. With the support that we are receiving we cannot afford to go to the expensive one. In Thailand we have government hospital that provide basic medical treatment for simple illness but for major sickness that require special kind of medicine we will not get good and decent medicine. If we go to the private hospital it will be very expensive. Leah get tired very easy now. Pray for me also with my health. I have problem of disc herniation, Renal Cyst at the bottom of the liver and the most disturbing one is enlarged prostate. I need to lose more weight not by medicine nor surgery but by exercises. We are praying everything will be better. So far there is no cancer threat. Thanks to the Lord. Please also continue to pray for our family here in Thailand and our close family members in the Church that are dealing with some health issue.

False Teachers and Spiritual Warfare

The task of teaching the truth of the Bible is always challenging as we are in the world that is full of false teaching. They are so many false teachers coming out. Churches are confused and many have gone astray. Please keep our family in your prayers. Pray that God will give us wisdom from above and pray also for courage that we always be bold to preach the truth. Pray also that we will be ready to give correct answer to everyone with gentleness and reverence". 1 Pet 3:15.

Please pray for the Churches in Thailand as we are having spiritual warfare. Drugs and corruption is overwhelming. Pray for our former students. We have some in the college and some in the internship, and some are in the ministry.

Thanks Be to God!

We want to Thank each one of you for your prayers and your financial support. We thank God for the Christ-like love that you have for us and for the world. We pray that God is pouring his abundant blessings over you all.

In Christ's services,

Ahtapa, Leah, Paul, and Mai

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Pray for...

1. Our political situation
2. Chinese government control of churches
3. Ahsama working in town
4. Health: rains brought African swine flu and dingy fever, Joseph Gwa's wife kidney infection, Leah's Hepatitis B and fatigue, and Ahtapa's disc herniation, renal cyst, enlarged prostate, and weight loss
5. Spiritual warfare and boldness to preach in Thailand
6. Former students in school and ministry
7. Ahtapa's upcoming trip with former students

Give generously as God leads you. We need...

1. Funds for replastering the walls in the adobe house
2. Additional funds for better medical care for Leah
3. \$2500 for Sai Tun's damaged truck



Paul and Mai