



Dear Family,

Greetings and love from the "Land of Smiles" the past few months since returning from Australia have gone by so quickly I have forgotten to update you all. Many things have been happening since I last wrote a newsletter...

The last couple of months we have fare welled several servant-hearted young missionaries as they headed back to their home countries of Canada and the Us, after serving here at the GNSC over their summer break. We held an English camp at a government school in the north and attended a great pastor's and leader's conference. I am so amazed at what God is doing here in Thailand, in my life personally and in that of the people here. God is moving amongst the people of Thailand; here's a little of what's been going on.

### **PRAISE POINT**

Thank you all for your prayer support in gaining my Thai citizenship...after a few meetings and having to gather all the necessary documents I traveled up north to Udon Thani last week and got my Thai ID card, so now I am officially a Thai citizen as well as being Australian...I hope to get my passport soon also. Praise God!!!

### **SUMMER MISSIONARY SERVICE**

During the US summer break being roughly the months May, June, July and August we have a lot of young bible college students come over and serve in the school for about 3-4 months, which is a great time to relieve the resident teachers, and is a great way for the summer-breakers to serve,



They serve by picking up regular classes, teaching at the slum community, serving in youth and children's ministries and sometimes serve in the orphanages up north. We also bless them by taking them on short sight-seeing trips and camps before heading back to their homes to study. Coming on short-term trips enables them to experience the mission field hands-on. (The school and church is always ready to welcome any one who would like to come and serve, short-term or long-term any time of the year!)

## ENGLISH CAMP

Not long after I returned to Bangkok, I traveled with the church and school staff to hold a Smart Kids English camp in Mae Sot. The first half of the week, we held the English camp at the local government school. We had two days crammed full of English lessons, activities and games on western culture for about 200 primary school aged students. Christianity



was brought in during the Western culture teaching to allow questions to be asked and seeds to be planted. The children were all well behaved and they really touch your heart when interacting with them on their level. One thing to pray for is the young boys at this school, many and I mean a large majority of them are/or are becoming transsexual, they are such lovely children but the devil has a real hold on their young lives.



We felt like superstars as we drove into the city the first day, the government office displayed our English Camp on their public notice board in the middle of the city. The night before we started the camp, the local school teachers took us all out to dinner at a nice restaurant on a hill and while there the mayor came and joined us. He must have noticed me after a few minutes because a teacher came to me and said the mayor would like to talk with me! I went and paid my respects and photos were taken and he asked me to sit down and join him and his entourage. I was very very nervous; he and others asked me lots of questions and fed me

soooo much my stomach hurt, as I had already finished eating earlier. I was very honoured to meet such a high-ranking person, but also to be singled-out was an honour.

At the end of the camp the teacher took us out one last time and throughout the night I was asked if I wanted to stay and teach English at the school, I felt honoured and felt that God is using me as a quite influence.

## **PASTOR'S AND LEADER'S CONFERENCE**

This time the conference was held in Maesot, where Pastor John (the national leader for Foursquare) pastors the local church and does a lot of work with the Burmese refugees, he has a school behind the church for the refugee children and plants churches within the hill tribe communities.

This year the guest speaker was Pastor Leslie Keegal (the foursquare leader in Sri Lanka). It was to encourage the pastors and leader in the work of the Holy Spirit. The church was packed with those seeking healing and one miracle was at the end when they had prayer time. Prayers were going up and praise to God when an elderly woman who had been carried in on a chair stood up and took steps for the first time in her life, it was amazing as more and more people began being healed. It was a wonderful encouraging conference.



## **MY MINISTRY**



I have been teaching here for almost two years now, teaching on a weekly routine as well as ministering through English clinics, at English camps, through relationships with those in the church and outside and to the slum community. Each week I am encouraged at the increase of slum kids coming to Sunday school each week and attending the free English classes we hold twice a week. These kids are the future leaders of Thailand and I pray they grow up to be mighty fire-brands for His kingdom.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

- **MORE TEACHERS:** Many teachers are going back to their home countries, including myself and the numbers are down to about four foreign teachers. The school is looking for servant-hearted people who are willing to be trained to teach English.
- **THE NEW BUILDING:** Pray that the new seven-story school and church will continue to be built and finished on schedule without any mishaps.
- **PRAY FOR THE GOVERNMENT:** The political unrest is affecting Bangkok and other cities throughout Thailand which is affecting the attendance to our English classes.
- **FUTURE DECISIONS:** I just ask for pray as I will attending ECFC in a few weeks and then returning back to Australia at the end of October sometime, I feel that I am a part of the ministry in Thailand now, and I will return home for as long as God allows me...anywhere from 5 months to a year to work and then return to Thailand and be willing to serve God in whatever He would have me do.

**SUPPORT:** I am very appreciative of your prayers and generous support. I am able to serve and function in my role thanks to your giving, so I want you to know that you are participating with the work happening here as much as I am.

God Bless,

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