



## FRANK AND MERYL WHITMORE THAILAND

Due to a serious family illness, we will be returning to Perth on 7<sup>th</sup> September. We have been in Thailand since February after being asked to be involved in the setting up of a Bible College for the Foursquare Denomination in Thailand.

In February and March, Frank proceeded to meet with pastors to determine what they wanted and what they thought would work, and it was decided that 2 week intensives 5 times a year would work in the two country centres – Maesot and Fang and twice weekly classes would be held in Bangkok. Frank wrote a Handbook in association with the Bible College of the Philippines and appointed an English speaking Administrator/translator, Ms. Wun. He also drew up programs with lecturers until the end of 2009.



Ms Wun and new lap top bought with funds generously donated by a team from Northside Church. They also provided for a scholarship for the Bible College and gave generously to the Burmese Refugee School in Maesot.

Enthusiasm ran high and by June 30<sup>th</sup> the Bible College was officially opened and the first intensive held.



Pastor John, the Foursquare President, Center with Ms. Wun, Co-ordinators and Board of the Bible College



First lecture in Maesot  
Frank lecturing Theology 1 with Ms. Wun translating at lectures on Wednesday nights.

The lectures commenced in Bangkok in July and will commence in Fang in October. Class enrolments add up to 60 throughout the three campuses.



Pastor Andy Opie from California lectures on Monday nights (Andy is blind) He is lecturing on Spiritual Foundations.

We have been involved in 'Our Home Chapel' our local church and Meryl has been teaching English in the Good News Study Centre since our arrival. . It has been a great privilege and pleasure to work with this younger group of Thai Christians and the Western teachers in the Study Centre. We have also enjoyed our Cell Group that meet on Sunday nights.

It is with sadness we leave Thailand, but feel that it has been a job completed although we would have loved to finish out the year. We hope to return when able, to fine tune the every day running of the Bible College and finish preparation of the program for 2010.

We thank the Perth churches sincerely for financial and prayer support. We ask that you continue to pray for the Bible College in Thailand and indeed the whole of Thailand as they press on to win souls. Please also pray for our daughter in law Lee who is suffering from cancer and us as we support Simon and his two little girls Luci 3 and Sophie 1..

We know God is on the throne and we rest in Him in all matters. His Word to us is from

Psalm 103 : 2 and 3

"Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases.

Who redeems your life from destruction and crowns you with loving kindness and tender mercies."

Blessings from



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PS. If you are on FACEBOOK we'd love you to check out our pictures, videos and news from Our Home Chapel.

Latest news to hand ... Daniel from Chiang Mai has been granted his Thai Citizenship. Sadly, he had to sell his motor bike to pay 'officials'.



Taken today at Pastors and Leadership Conference in Maesot.