

Rebecca's Road

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There are so many things to celebrate. And even as we celebrate all God is doing, I find myself so aware in this season of the opposition, of the ways the enemy comes to steal and kill and destroy – to distract us from the God who redeems us. 1 Peter 5:8 warns us “Keep awake! Watch at all times. The devil is working against you. He is walking around like a hungry lion with his mouth open. He is looking for someone to eat.” How important it is that we become rooted and established in our faith, ready to stand against his schemes, connected to the source of life- the vine. Jesus says “Get your life from Me and I will live in you. No branch can give fruit by itself. It has to get life from the vine. You are able to give fruit only when you have life from Me.” – John 15:4



Testimony from Kalasin:



Yai Boonme prayed to receive Christ in November at the outreach in SohngYang. When Naat and Mo went to visit and encourage her at her home, they had the opportunity to also pray for her husband. Her husband was suffering from high blood pressure and diabetes to the point that he could not stand up and walk. That day he made the decision to receive Christ. He prayed and asked God to allow his blood pressure and blood sugar levels to go down enough that he would not need to take medication, and asked God to help him be able to walk around again. He also prayed that he would not have to wait a long time in line at the hospital. When he went to the doctor he did not have to wait in a long line- just like he had prayed! His blood sugar, blood pressure, and cholesterol levels had all come down. And then he was able to begin walking out to the main road to visit friends without feeling tired. Yai Boonme is full of praise and thanksgiving to God, rejoicing that He healed her husband. This family has come to know God and they are growing in their faith.

When Yai Boonme heard the message of the gospel and received Christ, we encouraged her to come to church every week to worship God. We said we would pick her up. We declared “God will bless you. Come. You’ll get to know brothers and sisters and God will bless you. You’ll grow in your relationship with God.” She asked her husband and he said it was okay for her to go. Her son, Moo, 27 years old, said he would come with her. He said he was afraid that his mom was being deceived and that if she went to church Pastor Naat would trick her into something. So he came with his mom to House of Peace Church (which meets at Pastor Naat’s house). When he was there, Naat shared the gospel with him and talked about how Jesus is God, and how he came to die on the cross to take away our sins. When she gave an invitation to receive Christ, he raised his hand to receive Christ and prayed. In the car, on the way back to their neighbourhood, he told Kabuk that he knows Jesus is real now. He saw Jesus standing with everyone, wearing a white robe. And because he saw Jesus there, he

believed. He wasn't deceived and his mom wasn't deceived. Since then, Moo has come to church every week with his mom. Praise God for working through the prayer and ministry of House of Peace.

Baptisms:

This weekend we got to celebrate 14 people being baptized. These 14 believers included people from Phrong Aakaat (the rice field church), Grace Church, Victorious Love Church and Phan Tong. The ocean waves were very strong, but it didn't stop each person from declaring publicly the decision they had made to follow Jesus. The pastors and church leaders formed a shield around the people being baptized to protect them from the strongest waves as they took this step of faith, and I am reminded of the importance of standing with new believers as they face the storms of life. The story of the wise man and the foolish man reminds us that storms will come, but what matters is where we have placed our foundations. When our foundations are on the rock, we can stand strong through the storm.



Sunday School Training:



February 23-25th, Net and I had the opportunity to train a group of eager Sunday School teachers in Phon Phisai. We also brought along one person from Grace Church and one person from Kalasin to participate in the training. It was a full weekend, but a joyful weekend. We were able to participate in a church service, visit a new church, and participate in a new kids club while we were there.

I have helped train Sunday School teachers before, but what excited me about this group was that they weren't just there because someone has to take care of the kids. Each of these leaders were actually excited about the opportunity they have to help children know Jesus and grow in Him.

Weddings:



I have been to three weddings so far this year! I think this is a testament to how God is working in people's lives. Seeing examples of people who follow God's plan for relationships and marriage is so encouraging, and I pray that this will just be the beginning of the new thing God is doing in the Thai church as people mature and choose to do things God's way. For many of the people who attended Boat and May's wedding, it was their first experience at a Christian wedding.

Visiting Teams:

February was a month full of hosting teams. The first part of the month I had the privilege of travelling with a team doing a vision trip, visiting many of the ministries within Thailand. Because of this, I had the opportunity to visit some of the newer churches I had not visited before, including churches in Mae Sot where there is work taking place among Myanmar migrant workers and refugees (see picture on right), and Chiang Mai, where there are a group of new believers who are Tai Yai.



This was followed by hosting another team in Chachoengsao. It was fun to serve together with the church from LaSalle as they made friends and shared the gospel together with our team through English teaching, DRIME, Valentine's Day parties, and other things.

Upcoming events and prayer requests:

March 19-21 Missional Leadership Training Book 5

March 29, 31 Easter outreaches

Please pray for Pastor Bank and his team as they prepare to lead their first 3-month discipleship training school from May-July. Pray that God works powerfully in the lives of those who participate in the training to lead them deeper into His love and His heart for the world.

Please pray for a group of girls I've been mentoring that graduated high school this year and are applying for university. Pray that their faith will grow stronger as they move into different

communities and that God will use them to lead many people to know Jesus on their university campuses.

And finally, borrowing Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, may God give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Him more. Ephesians 1:17-19 ¹⁷ "I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. ¹⁸ I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, ¹⁹ and his incomparably great power for us who believe." I am praying this over you today too.

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