

Rebecca's Road

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Multiply. It is a theme throughout the Bible. From Genesis to Revelation we see that we are created to multiply.

Deuteronomy 8:1 "Be careful to obey all the commands I am giving you today. Then you will live and multiply, and you will enter and occupy the land the Lord swore to give your ancestors.."

We are made to multiply and bear much fruit. (John 15:5)

So how do we become disciples that make disciples that multiply? Let's look at Matthew 28:18-20. "Jesus came and told his disciples, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth. Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age." "

What are we to do?

- Go
- Make disciples
- Baptize them
- Teach them to obey all the commands we received from Jesus – including the command to go make disciples, baptize them and teach them all the commands we have received from Jesus!

How? In the authority of Jesus and with Jesus, because He is with us always.

If every disciple of Jesus obeys this command- and goes and makes disciples, and those disciples make more disciples who are obedient to Jesus, then suddenly it isn't so hard to imagine the church in Thailand or the church in Canada multiplying. Are we obeying Jesus' command to make disciples? If our answer is no, what needs to change?



Jesus, help us to follow your teachings and your example, so the world may know you.

In August I had the opportunity to attend and translate for a training about things that help and



hinder disciples of Jesus from **making disciples**. One of the things we were encouraged to do was to make a list of 15 people we know that don't know Jesus yet, and to begin to pray for them daily and ask God to help us share Him with them.

I started praying for opportunities... and God opened up the door! The next time I went to a coffee shop I frequent, the barista started asking me questions about my faith! And when I went to kids club, one of the moms who listens in told us she was ready to receive Christ. How is it we so often forget to pray?



The timing of the training in Chiang Mai was perfect, as I got to celebrate Joon (intern on the left)'s birthday with the Chiang Mai team!

Our first Thai "in-house" 3 month discipleship school

ended in early August. The last regular day of classes, the students had a chance to share testimonies of the things

they have been learning. I was encouraged by all the stories, but especially by Ton. Ton shared that he hadn't really wanted to come to discipleship school, but his pastor encouraged him until he decided to come. Ton shared that he had been leading Bible classes for a long time- helping new believers grow, encouraging church members, and leading cell group, but he was afraid to tell his customers about Jesus. The homework assignments to go out and share the gospel caused him to push past his fear and begin to share the gospel with customers. After doing this for several weeks, it didn't feel scary anymore. He is thankful for how discipleship school has helped him enter more fully into the Great Commission.

Ton's wife Nui also shared. "I had the opportunity to share the gospel with a customer. The woman is from Laos and working at a factory processing fruit not far from the hospital" she said. "I told her about God and how he forgives our sins and helps us to be free from the shame, fear, fate and karma." Nui explained that God is able and wants to help her. The customer expressed interest and agreed to continue to come back to learn more.



Prison ministry in the Chachoengsao men's prison continues strong. In August, 5 more men accepted Christ. The worship, scripture and sharing this month was about taking the next steps in faith. The men were encouraged to know that God has chosen them, loves them, and invites them to know Him more. Each man was given 20 Bible lessons to work through on their own that lay a foundation for new believers.



Kalasin: I was able to join a short-term team in the province of Kalasin for 11 days as they taught in schools and built relationships with local people. The original plan was for the team to serve mainly in schools, but a school we had scheduled for 4 days cancelled last minute, opening up the door for us to reach out in other ways – like putting on a concert and handing out cookies in the market and a

community outreach in a new neighbourhood where a church member has many relatives. We even had the opportunity to meet a group of Pastor Naat’s friends from highschool!



After the first team left Kalasin I was able to join a different short term mission team in Mae Sot, where they were engaging with Myanmar ministry. I then returned to Chachoengsao with the team to prep English camps in Chachoengsao which were held over the next few days.

Phrong Aakaat: One of the schools we went into to put on an English camp was near our newest church plant in Chachoengsao- Phrong Aakaat (previously referred to as the rice field church). We were able to invite students from the school to join activities at the church the following day, and a group of teenagers came. When an invitation was given to begin a relationship with Jesus, I noticed one girl’s hand shoot up without any looking around to see if her friends would approve of her decision or not. After she prayed, she shared that she immediately felt a sense of peace. Please pray for this girl and the others who are just starting to follow Jesus.



Please also pray with me for a family that has just begun their relationship with God but had to return to their home country, a place where Christians are persecuted. Pray that they will continue to grow in their faith in that country and that they will be bold to share Him with others.

Upcoming events:

- October is the school break between semesters and we are planning a youth camp for October 12-14. Please pray for those youth who know Jesus to grow in their faith, and

for their friends who don't know Jesus yet to encounter Him at the camp. Please pray that God will work in the hearts of the youth that come, and in the hearts of their parents to allow them to come. This is the first youth camp that will involve youth from all 3 regions we are working in. Pray that these youth would be so impacted and changed by their encounters with God that their families and friends would want to know the God they have encountered.

- Please join us in praying for those affected by the flooding in Northern Thailand, Laos and Myanmar.

Small group opportunity: Would you like to be part of resourcing and training Thai pastors and interns? The House of Hope (Hope Center) project resources interns and pastors throughout Chachoengsao province. If your church or small group is interested in raising funds for a special project, would you consider taking on one intern for the year? If you would like to meet through a Zoom call to hear more about how this project is impacting lives, please let me know.

If God puts it on your heart to support this project monthly, or through a one-time gift, donations can be made through the Multiply website at <https://multiply.net/project/house-of-hope-central-thailand> , or by mailing a cheque made out to Multiply Network to Multiply Canada, #300 - 32040 Downes Road, Abbotsford, BC V4X 1X5 with a note designating it for project C0625.

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