

# Rebecca's Road

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**Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

*"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them." – Luke 1:68*

I hope this has been a meaningful season of celebrating the birth of our Saviour and rejoicing in our God – who is with us- our Emmanuel.

December is one of the busiest but also one of the most fun times of year. This December, after being in Thailand for most of the Christmas outreaches, I was able to fly to Canada to spend Christmas Day with my family. For the next several months I will be travelling around visiting and sharing with churches and supporters about what God has been doing in Thailand. I look forward to connecting with you!

Here are some highlights from the end of November and the month of December:

At the end of November, I had the privilege of visiting Rim Khan Church on the day that Uncle Chuay and Uncle Pit made the decision to put their faith in Jesus. Both of these men began to come to Rim Khan Church after the flooding in Chiang Mai. Immediately after receiving Christ, they began to make plans to visit their friends to share what they knew about Jesus with them.

Speaking of new believers who are ready to share the gospel, Garn's mom agreed to try hosting a Christmas party at her home. When we first started to talk about it, she thought she could maybe find 10 people who

would come to a Christmas party. In the end, 60 friends and community members



gathered at her home for the Christmas party. One woman shared that she had been invited to a different event taking place at the same time, but in her 70 plus years of life she had never attended a Christmas party and wanted to know what it was all about. After playing games, hearing songs, testimonies, and the message of the gospel, she spent time talking to a couple of the Christians and asking them more questions and made the decision to receive Christ.

Garn's mom lives in a district that has no churches. Would you join us in praying for a Bible study group to start at her home with seekers from that community?



Another new believer, Fluk, hosted a Christmas party in his neighbourhood as well. His aunt joined the party and donated ice cream for all the kids!

In the fishing village where I regularly teach English, it was fun to have a guest speaker for our Christmas party who speaks the same language as the migrant workers in that area. The response to the message of the gospel was incredible, as parents heard the message in their heart language.



Bonus received Christ and has been attending church with her grandma for some time. Recently her teacher started to come to church to find answers. Bonus used to sneak out of her Thai language class because she was ashamed that she couldn't read. But now, all of a sudden, she was always in class and reading quite well. When he asked Bonus about this change, she shared that it was because she had put her faith in God and that He was helping her. She invited him to church.

Now, he is coming to church and even volunteering to help clean. Please pray with me that her teacher will come to know the God Bonus worships.

Victorious Love Church had baptisms in December. The 3 women were all members of the same family. Yui (in pink) shared this story: After Grandma heard that Auntie Ladaa had been healed from a terrible disease by believing in Jesus, she encouraged my mother-in-law to go to the church to be healed, too.



I saw the Lord heal my mother-in-law and change her to become a more patient person. Then I saw my father-in-law believe in Jesus. After receiving Christ, he didn't want to drink anymore, and was able to completely leave behind alcohol and live in sobriety. Then my husband was sentenced to 4 years in jail. The first night in jail he asked, "God, are you real?" He said, "God, if you can heal my own mother and cause her to believe in you, then can you help my wife Yui find money for bail? If you do this, then I will know that you are God and I will put my faith in you." The next day Yui and Som were given gifts of money from several different people- enough to post bail! That day, Yui's husband gave his life to Jesus Christ. Then the Lord miraculously released him from a four- year sentence to only 5 months in jail. Because of all these miracles in her family, Yui placed her faith in Christ and was baptized.

God, thank you for all you have already done in this family. God, we ask that You would continue to bring the families of new believers to You, so they can worship You together.

Some praise items:

- 3 of my English students prayed to receive Christ this Christmas!
- I was able to spend Christmas Day with my family
- Aoi had her first round of chemo with no negative reactions

Prayer Requests:

- Pray for safety as I travel, and that I will be able to encourage those around me through stories from Thailand and God's Word.
- Pray for the Thai team as they follow up with those who attended the various Christmas parties and seek to disciple them.

These are just a few of many stories from the last month, but my prayer is that they will encourage you as you continue to walk out your own journey of faith. Thank you for being part of the ministry in Thailand.

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