



The McClain Family

MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

December 8, 2011

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

Merry Christmas from our family to your family and may we be faithful in proclaiming the reason for Jesus Christ was born; was to die, be buried, and rise again which paid the penalty for our sins. 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

We are very thankful for your emails, calls, and prayers for our family and for Thailand during the flooding. In late July the flooding started in parts of northern Thailand and went through the central part of Thailand and flooded several major cities like Ayutthaya, Nakhon Sawan, Bangkok, and other areas around these cities. A lot of these areas are still flooded, many major factories have been completely flooded for months, thousands of people are without employment, and over 600 people have died from the flooding.



Also in October the mayor and the city government of Bangkok held a ceremony at a major shrine to ask the god of the river to spare Bangkok. Then on November 27, Chiang Mai held an annual celebration of Buddha's enlightenment 2,600 years ago with people making merit and giving offerings to 12,600 monks for the flood victims.

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When I read about the ceremony in Bangkok and I saw all the posters about the 12,600 monks coming to Chiang Mai, I started thinking, praying, and asking God to send at least another 126 Bible Believing Independent Baptist Missionaries who are either sent out from Churches here in Thailand or will come from Churches in other countries to start 126 more Bible Believing Independent Baptist Churches throughout Thailand with the purpose of obeying God in evangelizing, discipling, and teaching the believers here in Thailand about their obligation to reach Thailand and the World with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I also started thinking about what could be done now during this critical time to get the Gospel to as many of the people of Thailand as possible and I thought about 2 things:



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First, I thought about Television and there are 2 religious groups that have television stations in Thailand and there are other religious groups with television programs. Therefore I know it can be done and there is a Creation to Eternity video in Thai that could be used for this. But we currently do not have the finances to pursue this.

Second, I thought about the Gospel newspaper articles that we are currently helping Pastor Srithone with but I did not know if there were any nation wide Thai newspapers. I have found out that there are about 5 daily national Thai newspapers. We are praying that God will enable us as soon as possible to start putting a Gospel article in one of these newspapers either weekly or bi weekly and then we will follow up the people who respond. Pastor Srithone is currently contacting these newspapers so please pray that God will open the door for us to start this and that He will supply the necessary finances for this.

We are very thankful for your prayers about our visa situation: Our visa situation was fixed on September 30th and all of us have the same visa now. Our visas are valid for one year then we will renew our visas for another year. We now are waiting on the final paper work to finish the application process for our work permits. Lord willing we should be receiving our work permits in a couple more months.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our Thai Language Studies: Last Saturday we were able to take the Thai Language Equivalency Test and it was very difficult because of the amount time they gave us to finish each section. We were surprised to hear the teachers that administered the test even say the test was difficult. We will continue our language studies next week and will finish the remaining curriculum which also includes a Thai Biblical Language Course.

Thank you for continuing to pray for our English Students: About 2 months ago we were considering to stop our Friday night English classes because for several Friday nights in a row we had no students. But God has given us more students that are pretty faithful to come to all of the classes. This Sunday we had 2 new adults from the neighborhood start coming. I am currently trying to find a Bible study that is already in English and in Thai that I can use as part of the English lesson in class and then send the same lesson but already translated into the Thai language home for the students to finish at home. Please pray that the Lord will help us with this and will continue to work in the lives of our students.

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Please continue to pray for our family: That we will continue to have good health, for Ruth and Rachel in their homeschooling, our continuing Thai language studies, for our everyday road safety as we will be traveling to different meetings and have to do some more traveling to finish our paperwork for our work permits in the coming months, and for God to use us in seeing more Thai people to be saved and serve the Lord with their lives.

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For the Millions of Untold Souls in Thailand,

Brian, Evelyn, Ruth, and Rachel McClain



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