

The McClain Family

Missionaries to Thailand



October-December 2023

Dear Pastor and praying friends,

We want to give you some highlights about what the Lord has been doing over the last couple of months here in Thailand.

In October, we had a combined church camp at Lanna Baptist Church in Lampang, and we praise the Lord that we were able to get people from all the mission churches to come together. There were about 120 people in total that gathered together. We praise the Lord that one young lady from here at Wiang Ping Baptist made a profession of faith and one man from another church that came to the camp also made a profession of faith.

Also after I finished preaching the men's session at this camp, I opened up a time for questions and answers in which a new missionary that came with another church asked why does it take so long for people here in Thailand to respond to the Gospel. Two Thai pastors and other men shared their insight and said from birth it is driven into them at home, at school, and in society to worship and reverence the good and bad spirits, and their ancestors, and if they make enough merit, the bad things they do, will not hinder them from having a better next life. And because of societal pressure, their pride in being a Thai buddhist, and the work of the devil and demons in darkening the souls of the people here, it takes time for people to see the truth and respond to the Gospel. And they said many of the people that they have seen saved has been the fruit of many people like we see in 1 Corinthians 3:6-7 where Paul says I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

And we saw this was true again with the two people that made professions at this camp. The young lady that made a profession of faith started going to church because some of her friends in high school were Christians and invited her to different church activities, and then she started going to a house church, but then those missionaries left and went back to their home country and while she was looking for another church, she got the gospel packet from us going door to door and one of her friends that goes to Wiang Ping Baptist invited her to come. On her 2nd or 3rd time coming I started witnessing to her and the Holy Ghost was working, but she said she was not ready to make a decision, so I made sure that she understood what she needs to do to be saved and that she really needs to think about this because we do not know when we are going to leave this world. I also gave her another tract, and we prayed for her, and others witnessed to her, and then a couple of weeks later she made a profession of faith at this camp. But please pray for this young lady and another young lady and one guy that have started allowing studying and working keep them from coming faithfully to the church services.

Please pray for another young lady that has recently came back from being in the world for a couple of years, because the devil is also fighting to keep her from returning to the Lord.

Also, please pray as we have a couple of young people that are finishing up various levels of schooling and I have challenged them with wrestling with the question of why don't they make the next part of their education be becoming a Bible student and see what the Lord will do with their life. If nothing else it will give them a stronger foundation to build their future on. Please pray with us that these young people will really wrestle with this and follow the Lord's leading in this decision.

We also rejoice that one of the first men that came to Wiang Ping Baptist that has been gone for around 10 years, just recently started coming back, but this has not been without a battle. >>>

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Like all of you December kicked off one of the busiest months of the year, as we took advantage of the secular Christmas spirit and tried to get people to understand the real meaning of Christmas. This year we were able to have an evangelistic program in 4 schools, and we gave gift bags with a John and Romans and a gospel tract to over 400 students and 30 teachers.

We also had evangelistic Christmas services in all 3 of the mission churches here in Chiang Mai. We praise the Lord that many of the people in the Huay Gwang community came to our outreach at the mission church because many in this area are heavily into spirit worship and oppose people forsaking this. But thank the Lord that there are some people here allowing the Lord to work in their lives and are growing in Christ and a husband and wife recently made a profession of faith in Christ.

We praise the Lord that the parents of two of our English students allowed them to have part in our evangelistic Christmas play at Wiang Ping Baptist and our next door neighbors came and stayed for the whole service which is amazing because they have not been very open to the Gospel and our car mechanic also came. Please pray with us as we continue to witness to all these people and try to bring them to Christ and try to challenge the believers to grow in Christ and be His disciple.

Please remember that we are so thankful for your faithful prayers and support which enable us to be here and do the work of the Lord here on your behalf and for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

For the Millions of Untold Souls in Thailand,

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