

Brittens to Britain

Sending Church: New Life Baptist Church, Chiang Mai, Thailand



For February / March 2019

Dear Friends,

How are you all? We want to say thank you for your prayers and support of our ministry and for you to know how much we appreciate you.

The last couple of months has been a busy time for us here in Market Harborough, England, as I am sure it has been for many of you as well. During the Christmas period we had some good opportunities to present the Gospel for which I am grateful. While new friendships have been established no one has visited church as a result and I am beginning to understand more clearly how much patience is going to be an asset here.

We are excited to see what God will do through this ministry. I have been developing a survey for the people of this town and the surrounding villages. The purpose is to obtain information on what the local people think about the Gospel and as a lead in to conversations about the Gospel and to tell people about our church. The church is also preparing to deliver 5,000 Bibles (with local landmarks printed on the front cover) to homes in the area. I shall look forward to reporting on how these ministries go in our next prayer letter for April and May.

I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth, our youngest at 7, will be baptized on February 10th. Our church building does not have a baptistry so we will be travelling to Calvary Baptist Church in the town of Peterborough for the occasion. One of the young girls from Calvary will also be baptized and I'd like to thank Pastor Jonathan VandenHurk for the invitation.

As I mentioned last time the family has needed to make some adjustments since arriving from Thailand. One of the biggest challenges has been the cold, damp weather that has contributed to Linda's muscular pain and Mai's chilblains (that has produced swelling in his fingers and feet). Your prayers for both our ministry and health needs are always appreciated.

It is an exciting time to be in the UK. The issue of Brexit (the UK leaving the European Union) has brought simmering political and social differences to the boil. While these differences have not always been expressed in a civil manner, it is clear that people are being confronted to think about their priorities. One of my prayers is that Christians here will make the most of the situation and present the Gospel as some people might be more receptive now than during more normal times.

Finally, please do pray that my leadership of Trinity Baptist Church will help facilitate spiritual growth and greater understanding of the Word.

Kind regards, and thank you all again.

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