

Brittens to Britain

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



For October / November 2019

Dear Friends,

We would like to thank all of our supporters for your kindness and generosity. As always, it is an encouragement to the family and I knowing that we have you as our partners in the ministry.

Currently I am on Jury Service so please excuse the delay in receiving this prayer letter. Please continue to pray for our regular visitors, George, Joyce and Alan who have a keen interest in our emphasis on Scripture, which is something of a rarity in churches in our land today, and I am especially encouraged that Alan has also been attending our mid-week service as well.

I mentioned in the August/September prayer letter about an issue that required church discipline. It has been a difficult process to follow through for everyone, particularly for the family involved, but I did want to let you know that church discipline has been implemented and it has brought closure to the issue, at least as far the church is concerned. It has been a painful reminder of the deceitfulness of sin.

We are looking forward and planning new ministry outreaches. The questionnaire that I've been doing has provided me with some gloomy but interesting information that is shaping some ideas for the future. Over half the respondents identified themselves as 'Christian' and that confirms my belief that the town of Market Harborough is a well 'churched' area, so to speak. However, of those respondents the vast majority answered the question *In your view: what is the meaning of life?* with the answer that *the meaning of life is what you want it to be*. This was much preferred over the answer below that states: *my religion defines the meaning of life for me*. Furthermore, most 'Christians' here believe '*God used evolution*' and that '*God exists but we cannot know God*'.

People here like the label of 'Christian' without having the first inkling of what it really means to be one. This has inspired an idea to provide a 'seminar' session at our church building where people will be invited to listen to a presentation on a particular question (for example: *How Can We Know the Bible Is the Word of God?*) followed by questions and answers. The idea is still in its infancy but I hope we can schedule the first seminar in four-five weeks time. Your prayers for this ministry and other ministries that are ongoing are very much appreciated.

Finally, please pray for the family. Please pray especially for Mai who has a month of exams coming up and is feeling the pressure.

Thank you all so much for your faithfulness.

Kind regards,
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