

Brittens to Britain

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



For August / September 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your support and prayers. It is a strong source of encouragement for which we thank the Lord.

We had our first church service at the building on Sunday. After the long months of lockdown meeting together in person again was a blessing. As I expected only a few people attended but I appreciated their faithfulness and willingness to participate in a service where social distancing and mask wearing was compulsory (though people do have the option of not wearing one if it causes stress). Please join me in praying that the church will be able to remain open for Sunday morning services. There are a number of issues that are undermining the progress of the ministry including anxiety about the virus, coping with the raft of new regulations and the specter the 'second wave'.

Pray for me as I try to maintain a balanced approach in relation to the concerns people have for safety and the priority of serving our great God. Having said this, the overriding feeling is one of joy being able to preach again from the pulpit and enjoying some fellowship.

In terms of outreach ministries the church was running, it does feel like we have hit the reset button. For the time being the tea and coffee mornings that was a regular feature of our weekly activities has been put on hold along with the tea and cake day that was once-a-month. I do want pick up with my Saturday morning town square ministry, giving out tracts and discussing the Gospel, the Bible and the Biblical worldview with people in this community. I don't know how it will be received in the current 'pandemic' environment but please pray that the message of Jesus Christ will find some receptive hearts here in Market Harborough.

I also intend to keep up the church Facebook streaming ministry. Although I applied for internet access on two occasions the provider canceled the order due to a 'technical issue'. It hasn't been clarified what this issue is but I shall keep trying (with a different provider).

The family is well. Thank you all for your partnering with us in the ministry.

Kind regards,
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