

# Brittens to Britain

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



For October/November 2020

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your support and prayers. We appreciate the opportunities your giving provides for us to serve on the mission field in England in partnership with you.

Here is the Co-vid 19 update: in the UK we are in the 'second wave'. Transmission rates are up but the national mortality rates are not as dramatic as earlier this year. Government guidelines are in a state of flux but so far the policy of another national lockdown is being resisted. This, of course, can change, but for now the church doors are open.

The attendance on Sunday morning is down. People have health concerns and are very cautious about going out. Unfortunately the students from a local international college that were attending services are not allowed to visit any places off campus other than the supermarket. They are able to access the services that are streamed online. I am thankful for the core group of people that come and

worship on Sunday morning. We also have a newcomer visiting from a nearby town that does not have an independent Baptist Church. We will continue with the current format for Sunday and streaming on Wednesday nights while we see what happens in the run up to Christmas with the virus. We have taken steps to restart other ministries including door-to-door delivery of New Testaments and opening up for coffee and tea Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Again, the numbers are down but that has not been unexpected.

It seems incredible that Christmas is not that far away now. This is on my mind because our usual ministries are most likely not going to happen. One prayer request is for wisdom and patience as we assess what the ministerial opportunities are in the coming months. Of course, many churches are in a similar situation and we are praying for our supporters during these times.

The family is well. Mai has another raft of exams scheduled for this month and November. Please pray for him and guidance as he considers his options going forward. Linda's backpain has improved of late (thanks for the prayers!) but she still has her days.

Thank you, to you all. Your faithfulness is a great blessing.

Kind regards,  
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