



Dear praying partners, April 2021

Happy Thai New Year. I am glad to finally report that both my wife and I have returned to Thailand, completed quarantine, and are back to our ministry routine. Well...until the third wave of COVID started in Thailand this week. During this past week, COVID cases have started to climb again resulting in increased travel restrictions and limited gatherings. Most of the Thai New Year holiday events in our community have been canceled. For those unfamiliar with the Thai New Year, it is a three-day event that can only be compared to Christmas in the West. To cancel these events for the second year in a row is unprecedented. Fortunately, the church hasn't been directly affected, yet. We have curtailed some events to assuage the fears of several of our older members. We want to thank you for praying for our return, especially Frances'. Her return trip was tense, thanks in part to a lost passport, but the Lord was in control and He has taught us the folly of worry.

Ministry in Thailand: We are still unable to distribute tracts and literature or do our blood pressure evangelism, but the Lord used our unscheduled time away to give us a fresh look at the ministries of our church. We are giving more responsibility to different members as we prepare to turn the church over in a few years. Everything that we do, we do with an eye towards training someone and we try to never work alone, but always have someone alongside to learn different aspects of the church ministry.

Bible Institute: We had our third Bible School graduation on April 3rd and it was a great success. We had 9 missionaries/pastors attend from around Thailand as well as many guests from Dtom's neighborhood. We had more than 50 in attendance. A Thai pastor from Surin (about a 14-hour drive from us) gave the challenge. It was a grand event and seemed to motivate the younger students to be serious in their studies as well. Classes are in full swing with one in-person class and one class taught via Zoom by a missionary in another province. Dtom will now enter a period of apprenticeship in preparation for a future ordination. He hasn't directly stated the direction the Lord is leading him, so we would ask you to pray with him that the Lord would give clear direction.



Prayer Requests. Salvation: The husband of a member who has been attending for six years. Family and friends of church members as well as Mike's students. **Faithfulness:** Pray for the Bible students to continue steadfast in their studies. Pray for the Lord's leading in Dtom's life as he seeks the Lord's will concerning future ministry. Pray for a new couple in our church for spiritual growth in being newly married but have been separated for over a year as they wait for her visa to the USA. Please also pray for other Thailand missionary families as they make plans to return to Thailand soon. May the Lord bless you richly as you continue to serve Him,

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