

# Brittens to Britain

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



For July & August 2021

Dear Friends,

How are you? Thank you for your support and prayers over these recent couple of months.

As I mentioned in my last prayer letter we have our ministries up and running and are now looking forward to the 19th of this month, the date the government has announced for almost all restrictions to be lifted. The approach here now seems to be that the country must learn to live with Co-vid, like the flu, and people will have the responsibility to make their own judgments about precautions they want to take. This is a refreshing and welcome policy strategy.

Therefore, on one hand, there is hope and optimism. However, we have noticed a number of people are deciding to stay away from ministries, especially our Tuesday and Thursday tea & coffee morning. While this is disappointing we did open last month for a Tea & Cake Day and more people than expected came. The idea behind these ministries is to form relationships with people, let them know about our church, and talk about God, the Gospel and the Bible.

Sunday service has been encouraging. A few weeks back we had a packed meeting room (with social distancing) and nine students from Brooke House attending. They have since gone home for the summer and I'm eager to see them return in September. In between lockdowns and vacations, opportunities have been limited to really get to know them personally. Samuel, a Nigerian lad, has been the most faithful and has a solid testimony and will be missed these summer months.

Saturday morning town square ministry is another avenue to reach people. The focus of the message is the central role of the Bible in our church life. The display poster emphasizes the Bible as do the tracts and I also offer New Testaments for people that stop and chat. Please pray that people, having lived through this last year and a half, will now be sufficiently motivated to investigate the claims of the Gospel and the Word of God for themselves. There is this general culture of indifference that needs to be challenged and now is as good a time as any.

Other issues that I would appreciate prayer for: Linda's visa (we're still waiting for it). The Immigration Department told us to expect a delay due to a backlog of applications but we really are hoping it will be this month. Mai: He found out the further education course he wanted to do in IT requires him to have been in the country for three years before the start date. The start date is in September which means he will have been in the country for two years and eleven months. Therefore, he is illegible for the course!!! I contacted the college but there is apparently no compromise on this. Obviously this is a source of frustration, especially for Mai. I'd appreciate your prayers for him as he looks for fulltime employment, for the Lord's leading and guidance.

Thank you so much.

Brother Tom