

THE GOHS FOR THE GOSPEL

YOUR MISSIONARIES TO THAILAND

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CAMPS, CAMPS AND ... MORE CAMPS!

October was school holidays here in Thailand. It presented an excellent opportunity for us to plan camps that are educational, fun-filled but, more importantly, evangelistic. A total of 4 camps were organized, namely, teenage girls camp (Thai), teenage boys camp (Thai), Bible camp (Burmese) and children English day camp.

During the 4-day girls camp, our teenage girls learnt about the importance of unity and being a light to the world. They also had a chance to perform some community services at a senior citizen's home. The boys, on the other hand, were treated to some adventure in a 3-day outdoor camp. They had a chance to eat stuff caught in the wild and bonded really well through a host of activities. Our Burmese kids were immersed in some intensive Bible studies in a 5-day camp. We ended the month with over 80 Thai and Burmese kids who jointly participated in a 3-day English day camp.

Through it all, we saw 03 professions of faith in the youth camps and many committed their lives to a deeper walk with Christ.

CHRISTMAS IS THE TIME ...

"Is your church going to organize the big Christmas event this year?" a curious villager asked me. The village-wide Christmas concert that we organize has become an annual event that the people in Baan Namkem look forward to. This year is without exception. The concert on 25 Dec will feature songs, a skit and a sermon in addition to free food and gifts. We are expecting 800-1000 people to turn up for this major event of the year.

The concept of this year's concert is to showcase the changed life of our young people since they accepted the wonderful gift of Christmas. They will literally "act out" their testimony in the 15-min skit. I will then close with a sermon to reiterate the amazing transformation that could take place when Christ takes possession of our lives.

Besides the big Christmas event, we will also be organizing parties for the Thai and Burmese children. This is the time of the year where these underprivileged children will be showered with gifts and special treats. We sure wish you all could come to witness the glow and smiles on their faces.

Without a doubt, your earnest prayers and generous financial support are very much coveted. Would you please consider a part in our year-end celebration and evangelistic outreach? We welcome you to PRAY, GIVE and/or VOLUNTEER!

Financial Needs for our Christmas events and activities

1. **Food for 1000 people – S\$2,500 (US\$1,900)**
2. **Gifts and Presents – S\$2,500 (US\$1,900)**
3. **Stage and Sound Rental – S\$1,000 (US\$750)**

TOTAL – S\$6,000 (US\$4,500) ** our members have pledged and given, by faith, 25% of this amount. **

MAY JESUS GRANT YOU THE PERFECT PEACE AND JOY AS WE CELEBRATE HIS BIRTH

From the Land of Smiles,

Jason, Poh Lai (Valencia) & Hannah Goh

John 3:30

(July–September 2011 Edition)

In our previous newsletter, we requested prayers for Poh Lai's (Valencia) pregnancy. The pregnancy ended on the 9th week. The Lord has revealed His will for us. God is good ... no matter what! We were heartbroken and, it was not easy to accept this fact even though we have already been blessed with a 2-year-old daughter. Poh Lai has recuperated physically, but would need your prayers as she copes with the emotional recovery. After spending slightly over a month in Singapore (the original plan was just 7 days), we returned to the field in late July.

Every year, on 12 August, Thailand celebrates her queen's birthday. It is also the nation's Mother's Day. As always, our church organized special events to honor the mothers or female guardians of the children who come to our center or church. A total of 100 mothers (Thais and Burmese) attended the two separate events we hosted. The majority of them were not believers, but they sat through the presentation of the message of God's love. What an opportunity! Praise the Lord.

REMEMBER, a Christian not-for-profit organization from the USA, came to do a medical mission and a community project at our center. A few of my primary school classmates (yes, we are still in contact after more than 30 years) learned about it and decided to join the team.

During the 3-day mission, the team, together with my friends, was divided into 2 groups. The first group put together a medical clinic and provided basic medical care to our students and some villagers. Some good-quality medicines and supplements were distributed to those who came. The second group was entrusted with a project to refurbish a section of the tsunami memorial park located in our village. I was completely amazed at the skills those craftsmen possessed. They repaired an outdoor children's playground set, whitewashed two walls and repainted two pavilions in one day. The community leaders were very thankful for the service they had rendered to the village. That is certainly a testimony of God's provision and love.

In September, my family and I were granted another year of visa to live in Thailand. This is not something we take for granted. Immigration visas and work permits do not come cheap or easy. Each year, we pray for the Lord's provision to pay the costly fees as well as the approval from the relevant authorities to grant us the renewal.

October is mid-term school vacation in Thailand. Camps and special activities are in the pipeline for the children and teenagers. The sole purpose of these events is to draw the people to the knowledge of God's love and His way of salvation for them. We count it a blessing to stay busy in the service of our King.

We are eternally thankful for all your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for your partnership and we hope you will continue to "Pray for the GOHs wherever you GO!"

From the LAND of SMILES

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