

Sujin Nelson

June-Aug 2009 Newsletter

Greetings from Thailand, the land of smiles! (Sawatdee Ka!)

I pray and hope all is well and active in the Lord's work. It has been three months since my last newsletter was sent out. And now it is time that I want to let you all know what has happened in the last three months with the Lord's work here in Thailand. It has been the busiest time of the year and many things have happened.

What happened in the last three months?

We have a new congregation at my province, Prachinburi. It is about two and a half hours drive from Bangkok. One Christian Thai couple (Mr. & Mrs. Sakulnakorn) decided to devote themselves by moving back to their hometown to spread the Good News and they use part of their house for the place to gather and worship. My Dad's house is not too far from their house at all, it is about ten minutes drive. My Dad and this couple used to know each other more than ten years ago. I go back home to visit my Dad, my brother and his family and the rest of my relatives at least once or twice a month. Since the church was established in June 21, 2009, my Dad, my aunt, and my sister and her husband have gone to the church with me. My family is opening up to hear, but they still have many questions and negative thoughts about Christianity. I pray that they will hear more and more so that someday they will see and understand who God is and why Jesus came to this earth and died for us. The Watcharapon Church of Christ is supporting this new congregation; the church has been sending Christians to preach to the new congregation every week because the new congregation does not have a permanent preacher yet.

There were 4 baptisms: Winnie, Eke, Searm, and Prachit (the first new Christian in the congregation at Prachinburi). Mrs. Prachit is Mr. Sakulnakorn's mom. We had a group of LST workers from Southwestern Oklahoma State University to work with us at the Ramkhamhaeng Christian Center for six weeks. We had a spiritual camp while the LST team was with us. This camp went very well and we had 13 students go with us. One of those, Searm, became a Christian a week after camp. We also had another camp, which we called Christian retreat. This camp helped us who are already Christian spend more time to get to know each other and to encourage one another. At the same time, we still have English classes and one on one Bible studies that have been happening regularly besides other outreach activities that happen every month.

What will be happening in the next three months?

September 18-20, visit the congregation at Chaiyaphum province in northeastern Thailand.

October 19-23, national Thai Christian camp at Rayong province in southern of Thailand.

November 3-5, national Retreat at the Watcharapon Church of Christ, Bangkok.

November 26-29, visit the congregation at Chiang Mai province in north of Thailand.

Visit the congregation at Prachinburi twice a month.

Outreach project at Fashion Island (one of the biggest malls in Bangkok). We are currently working on the details of the plan and in two week or so we will represent our plan to the mall. Please pray that this project would get approved, if it is God's plan. It is the first time that the Watcharapon Church of Christ will go out and tell everyone about God in a public place like the mall. If our project gets approved, the event will be during Christmas time. This project is very big and so exciting for all the members and the leaders of the church. At the church we have started classes to prepare the members to have more knowledge about God and be able to answer all kinds of questions that others might ask.

Prayers Request

New Christians and Old Christians to grow more spiritual.

Our traveling.

Camps and Retreats.

Outreach project for the month of December.

Our church leaders.

Our students.

Our work at the Ramkhamhaeng Christian Center.

The work at the Watcharapon Church of Christ

The new congregation at Prachinburi.

My family that their hearts would continue to be open to hearing and learning about God.

My financial situation and myself.

Thank you all for your prayers and for supporting the work in Thailand and myself. I pray that you all are being shining lights for those who do not know God around you. If there is anyone interested in coming to work with us in Thailand, please let me know, we need many more workers here because the harvest is ripe around here.

Currently, I have yet to raise all the necessary funding for this mission. If this is an area you can help in, please mail your check to:

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Please Memo the check to Sujin Nelson

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May the Lord bless you and keep you!

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