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Newsletter

Greetings

We always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, because we know firsthand of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints... Truly you are helping to rebuild this ministry here in Bangkok.

Developing Friendships

We met Ratana on one of our neighborhood walks, and God gave us the open door to pray with her for healing in her foot. She is much better!!



Holiday Traditions

Thanksgiving gives us a natural lead in to acknowledge God, our Maker and Provider. At our table (food lovingly prepared by Robin) all seven of us, including two Buddhist students, shared something we are thankful for.



During the weeks leading up to Christmas we are planning three Sunday afternoon teaching events, culminating on Dec 24 when we re-enact the Nativity and the Christmas story. Oddly enough, the Thais have adopted a secular version of Christmas to enhance their New Year celebration. Happy Holidays??

Student Update

I (George) still have five students— all one-on-one. Jay, a military cadet, is preparing for an interview with Thai Airways. Recently he joined us for lunch on Saturday before class.



After School



So far we have met three times with Kai's after-school children, ages 7-12. Quite a challenge doing stories, songs, and games at their level—making it fun and keeping some degree of order! Our stories sometimes get lost in translation, but the kids really get into the game of Concentration.

Reformation + 500

Two weeks ago we were privileged to join with thousands of Protestants in the city of Chiang Mai to celebrate the Reformation in teaching and song. Hearing A Mighty Fortress sung in Thai brings it home in a very touching way.



We stayed a few more days to enjoy some of the major attractions— and there are plenty! It's easy to see why Chiang Mai is one of the world's favorite ex-pat havens.

Within an hour's drive (or two-hour hike) are several Hmong tribal villages, two spectacular temples, and one of the royal palaces. To reach Wat (Temple) Doi Suthep you need to pass by the four-headed dragons and climb some 300 steps. But what a view!



Doxology

As we transition from Thanksgiving to Advent, St Paul's words to the church in Corinth seem so very fitting: "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift!" And to that we add our thanks for his people who honor him in their ministries at home and support his work in faraway lands.

In His service, George & Margot

