



Dear praying partners,

May 2017

Happy New Year from Thailand! April is the traditional Thai New Year and we celebrated in conjunction with Resurrection Sunday this year for a truly memorable event. It is a ceremony called *Rote Nahm Dahm Hua*. It is where the younger people pay their respect to the elders. It is a memorable time for our Thai Christians and a great opportunity to incorporate Thai traditions into the traditions of our church. Just in case you are wondering, no it isn't a Buddhist ceremony.

Bible Institute: We have started the new term of our institute. This term there are four students enrolled. We will be learning about Ecclesiology. We will start to video tape the lessons in the hopes of making our classes available to all Thai Bible students. I have enlisted the help of some other missionaries in the country to teach classes in the hopes of having a first-class Bible College level curriculum available in the next few years. This is not just my project but will be done in collaboration with many. This is a need that has been lacking for many years. Due to the vast distances between churches and the small congregations, an internet based Bible College seems like the best course of action as opposed to the traditional campus where everyone comes to us. Please pray for this endeavor. We will need three more computers, three video recorders, and at least three microphones to get this project off the ground. We are praying that we can find someone who is good with video editing to help put a quality project online.

Ministry: We continue to reach out to our community in many ways. Primarily through tract distribution and by teaching at the local University. Our student population has been growing slowly thanks to the faithfulness of those already attending. It is such an encouragement to see University students concerned about their friends and bringing their friends to hear the Word of God. We are also exploring the idea of having an evangelistic outreach using apologetics and engaging people with contemporary questions/issues. This will meet in a local coffee shop and the format will be



very informal. It is not a replacement for church, but a way to engage with members of the community by, hopefully, answering questions they may have. Many are hesitant to go to church since they are “not Christian”. Please pray for wisdom in how to proceed with this ministry. It is discouraging to advertise, plan, and execute a plan only to have not one person show up. Lord willing, we will have our first encounter at the end of May with the start of the new school year. All of our services are live-streamed (only the preaching) on YouTube at New Life Baptist Church Chiang Mai <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJVTbAI-Q3c3JGUshlukRcA> and are usually shared on Facebook at www.facebook.com/newlifebaptisthangdong/ shortly after our services are completed. If you are curious about our services or have a Thai friend that would be blessed by Biblical teaching, please tune in.

Family News: We are pleased to announce the birth of our fifth grandchild to our oldest daughter and her husband, Maget and Adam Jones. It is tough being far away from family, but it is a great comfort to know that all our children are actively serving the Lord in various capacities and we have the opportunity to periodically visit.

Pray for: Salvation of Mike’s student’s and fellow teachers; salvation for a man who still comes regularly (more than a year); Hannah (our youngest daughter) for her college school bill and her university studies as well as a job this summer; a Bible school student to repent and return to school; wisdom in ministry matters; results of outreach.

We are truly humbled to be a part of your missions program and look forward to many more years of service together.

May God continue to bless you as you serve Him.

For Christ in Thailand,

Mike & Francis Frederick