

Pray for Thailand!

THE NEW LIFE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

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**Please don't
stop praying
for my
healing! TAI**

The transforming power of God's love in the communities!



Streams of Living Water...

Hunger for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit is growing in this country! In October Erik and the team ministered to 180 young people at a weekend camp organised by the leadership in the city of Mae Hongson. One woman shared as follows:

"I accompanied my daughter to the camp. I thought that it would be a regular camp, but soon realised that God's presence was there! I became desperate for Him and forgot everything else. For the first time in my life I really felt the Father's embrace! His presence invaded my heart and I began to praise and worship Him in a new, deeper way! I now have HIS joy inside of me!"

Healing Miracles...

In a meeting at the village of Baan On, North of Chiangmai province, our team members noticed that one woman was looking quite agitated while also holding her ears. They wondered why the woman was reluctant to hear them praying. Suddenly the woman began to cry out:

"I can hear! I can hear! I could not hear before and now I hear everything loud and clear!"

Another woman, whose vision was so blurred that all she could see were indefinite shapes of grey, was totally healed!

God also healed one woman of severe pain in her legs, which had made walking virtually impossible for her. During prayer time, the pain stopped and she was able to, not only walk, but also to run and jump!



Signs and Wonders...

The Miracle of Water - A Sign of Revival!

More than 15 years ago, as we were preparing to leave for Thailand, a word of prophecy was given to Erik: *"You will lift up your hands to God and He will cause water to flow out of the dry ground. When this happens you will know that revival is at hand!"* Over the years, promises of the revival starting from the mountains and then flowing into the valleys have been spoken over Thailand.

"GOD, SEND REVIVAL!"



Our team has helped many communities build water pipes and tanks to overcome the problem of water shortage. Then we arrived in Huei Hia! In this village a basin to gather rain water had already been built. Sadly, once the rains were gone, the basin dried up. This time, Erik felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to ask for a creative miracle. As Erik and the team prayed, they were oblivious to the fact that a certain man was observing them. This man was aware of the unsuccessful attempts of the witchdoctors to bring forth water and now wanted to see what the Christians were up to.

Two of the team members stayed on at the village. A few days later they made an excited call to Erik: The basin had filled up with water – and there had been no rain whatsoever! We were, after all, in the middle of the dry season!

The Holy Spirit has been moving in the mountain villages. This has now only intensified. In March this year, nearly 20,000 believers gathered together in the district of Omkoi, to seek the face of God.

In October, about 1200 young people from different parts of Thailand gathered for an Extreme Camp at Nakorn Nayok. Many of the "Holy Spirit Fire Bearers" from the mountain communities participated!

A growing network of churches and intercessors are calling out to God for revival! **The hallmark of this move is repentance and burden for the lost.**

We have also discovered that the river Chao Phraya that runs

all the way to the capital of Thailand, is partially sourced in the same geographical area as where Huei Hia and Omkoi are located!

“From the mountains, to the valleys...hear our praises...”

The Birth of Hang Dong Church...

We are committed to delivering the message of HOPE to the people of Hangdong! Every month the team visits about 200 homes, where injustice, poverty, sickness and even death have robbed the families. Here’s one woman’s story:

Nid was an alcoholic with an uncontrollable problem with rage and violence. Her husband had left her. She wanted to end her life and one day got injured in a motorcycle accident. Realising the serious state of this woman, the hospital contacted our team. The team took her in, cared for her wounds and ministered to her heart. Nid accepted salvation in Jesus and her life has now taken on a whole new direction! Her husband has also returned back to her!

Where two or three are gathered in MY Name....

In addition to visiting homes, we meet with the AIDS sufferers at their monthly support group meetings. To these people, LOVE means eating and touching them. During the meetings we also play games, sing songs about our God and talk about life. Last time we celebrated birthdays of five people, one of them Phi Lek, the elected leader of the group. She shared the following:



“In the past, we got together for the purpose of arranging funerals and collecting money into accounts established to help our children, when we are gone. Then you came! You LOVE us! You eat with us and help us to overcome our

challenges. You have shown us how to laugh - you have given us HOPE!”

Empowering: One practical approach to empowering the community to take care of their own people, is to mobilise them to help one another. One good example is providing safe housing for the vulnerable. Many such projects have already been completed and more are underway.

Our team is also teaching local women to develop their skills in creating beautiful handicrafts for income generations. The girls have also developed dried-fruit products that are easy to make and sell. By connecting with women in these practical ways, also opens opportunities to listen to their hearts and to offer hope.

At the community’s invitation, we now have representation at the local decision-making committees. Our experience in empowering community leaders in identifying their

communities’ felt needs and in finding viable and sustainable solutions is being recognised. This is a special favour, which we do not take lightly.

Kid’s and Youth Clubs and Concerts:

We now rent the grounds of an old hotel in Hangdong for some of our Kid’s Clubs. In addition, we run music, computer, small repairs and other activities at the Youth Centre and at the Main Centre. The teenagers in the Bands are helping us at camps and other events. In the local schools we do Kid’s Outreach Concerts. These can be adjusted to English Camps where needed. We also have an active group of about 60 boys meeting regularly for soccer.



Women’s inner healing group:

Women meet in a relaxed and non-threatening atmosphere, where life stories are heard, strongholds of the mind are identified and broken. New life skills are learnt. **Pray for our “You Are So Beautiful” retreat on Nov 14-16!**

One woman’s testimony:

“JESUS HAS SET ME FREE!”

“I was an orphan, sold into prostitution at the age of 11. I used drugs and had abortions. One customer finally took me in and I gave birth to a baby girl. As I had no ID, the child was registered in his name. Then he began to beat us and we had to flee. Another man took us in, but our lifestyle cost me my child, who was returned to her father. As my name is not in her birth certificate, I can not get her back. Her life is now like mine used to be. My new partner was eventually put in prison and I was left alone in this world, angry and bitter... Now I am learning about God’s love for me. He lives in me and is healing my broken heart!... One day as I was trying to remove a splinter from my infected hand, God showed me that as the splinter is removed, the pus will also come out. And you know what? Now that this has happened, new skin has formed!! This is a picture of my life. Jesus is making me all new! I am valuable to Him! My life has purpose! I want to help others find freedom in Him!”

Joining Forces to Link-Up with the Communities – THANK YOU!

We value the growing network of support rallying around our team. TOGETHER we are advancing into the communities. Here are some examples:

Volunteer English Teachers keep coming to teach in the local schools. This is a vital help in connecting with the local schools and with the administrative bodies of the districts.

In line with this, a team specialising in doing English Camps, led by Ps David O'Keefe (GCCC) continue to be a great help for us! We've done English Camps for school kids, teachers and even government officials, as needed. The last camp, called "A Time of Your Life" took place at a Thai army camp site! The visitors and the locals joined forces to do a "make-over" at a local nursery school! The colourless, grimy walls, window shutters, as well as the outdoor play equipment, were transformed into colourful features in the creative and skilful hands. The floors also received a new



covering and the outdoor play equipment and even the fence now look like new! A wonderful gift to the little ones and their teachers – and to the whole community!! THANK YOU, Ambassadors!

Our Kid's ministry received

another significant boost from the experienced training and support of Tim and Bronwyn Perry (Destiny Church). The Perrys served in our team for 6 months and plan to return next year! THANK YOU, Perrys!

We have also received specialist help in developing micro-enterprise projects to empower local people to rise out of the cycle of poverty. THANK YOU!

Every team and individual visitor has something unique to offer. In return, many have discovered the heart beat of The Father for reaching the communities... THANK YOU ALL!

National Training Team on the Road

Apart from the training we do in our target communities, our CHE National Training Team has also been busy elsewhere:

- In **Phuket**, helping Tsunami Relief Team to facilitate transformation in the communities.
- In **Savannaket, Laos**, community development and strategic prayer warfare.
- In **Wichianburi, Phetchabun** where a church is experiencing renewal.
- **National Women's Conference**, where Yua and Daeng taught about reaching communities
- **Papua New Guinean Association Of Local Churches**
- **Indonesian Bible Schools**

Pray for team members doing Thai language studies: Rudy and Lara Rudresh, as well as Rob Garnsey.
Pray for Yua and Daeng in their new role as Team advisors!
Pray for UNITY and for clearer SPIRITUAL EYESIGHT for the whole Team!

Testimony of a Business Woman in Wichianburi

The only son of a well-known Chinese motorcycle dealer in Wichianburi had died. Her husband had rejected her. The woman fell into deep depression and would not come out of her room for 3 years! Her daughters took care of the customers.

In the mean time, the leadership of the struggling local church was becoming increasingly desperate for a move of God in their town. They invited Erik and the team to come and help. The church prepared with fasting and prayer. The Chinese woman came to the meetings with her daughters. God touched her powerfully and she was filled with the Holy Spirit, was totally set free from her depression and received a heavenly language! Today she is able to live a normal life and is a great testimony to the Living God!



Partnerships being strengthened

Five of our team members joined Erik and Mariaana to the Missions Partners Conference in Brisbane, hosted by Senior Ps Bruce Hills and Missions Ps Steve Dixon of Garden City Christian Church. Nu, our building project co-ordinator summed it up so well:

"An elderly man took me by the hand. With tears flowing down his cheeks he told me how he and his wife have faithfully prayed for the missionaries and for the people they were sent to reach.

Now I understand the power of hearing and obeying God! God sought me out from one of the darkest and the most remote places of all. He saved me, my father and my witchdoctor grandfather. Then the other two witchdoctors of our village! Today virtually the entire village belongs to God! This has happened because there were people, who heard and obeyed the Call and there were those committed to supporting them!"

Our sincere thanks to every supporting church, organisation and individual, which is partnering with us in facilitating healing transformation in individual lives and entire communities! There will be an AVALANCHE OF SOULS into the Kingdom of God!

In the Harvest,

Erik and Mariaana Klar (Team leaders)

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The New Life Development Team

Breaking the Cycle of Physical, Emotional, Social and Spiritual Poverty!
