



Steve & Anne Whiddon

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JESUS STILL DOES IT.....

Mehta is a friend we have known for many years from the Church in Korat. Some months ago he was helping his sister Ju with electrical work at the Phi Mai Church when he was literally electrocuted and pronounced dead by the doctors. Undeterred Ju called her brother Ps Teerasak in Korat who felt in God to blow the Shophar and pray. Ju held the phone to Mehta's ear as Teerasak blew for all he was worth, he then commanded life to return. Pastor Ju was then amazed as Mehta's lifeless eyes opened and so were the doctors! Above, he is rejoicing at a recent Pastor's Conference we preached at in Phi Mai - as you would!!!



MAE SARIANG

In August we travelled to Mae Sariang, a small town on the western border with Myanmar to preach for Fay Walking, an Aussie missionary in Thailand. She has a great work involving a Boy's Home, and working with a

young Pastor to build a Church in a Karen Village just south of Mae Sariang. It was a great time sharing with the people and encouraging Fay, who has worked tirelessly for many years bringing the gospel to tribal people in Thailand. We started with a meeting at the Boys home Saturday night. It was a great time as the boys were reminded Jesus had rescued them and given them life for a reason!

It was a busy Sunday as Steve taught the adult Sunday School and then preached in the Morning Service followed by an afternoon Worship Seminar.



FANG - KIDS LIFE MINISTRY

At the end of August we were joined by Ps. Mike Stokes from Oasis Church Taigum and travelled to Fang to plan November's Program with the team from Taigum. We will hold

an 8-a-side soccer tournament involving local schools from the area around Baan Huay Ngu where Kid's Life Ministry is located. Saturday night will be a prize giving ceremony where all the families will come along with School Principals and Officials. Of course we will take this opportunity to talk about our wonderful Jesus!



In September Steve again attended the Committee meeting for Kid's Life Ministry and is excited about what God is doing in Fang!

NORTHERN THAILAND

Early in September we travelled to the north of Thailand where Steve taught for a week in a Bible School to students from a closed Nation. These young people are hungry for all they can learn and will be a blessing and more when they return to their Country!



We also contribute, as we can, to a growing Children's Home in the far North currently housing 12 children mostly from the war ravaged region of the Wa. The children are from villages threatened by continual fighting.

While in the North Steve preached at a Church in Mae Sai that ministers mainly to Burmese workers in the northern border city. Here we also spent some time with our good friend Cherry, a mature single lady living and serving Jesus in Thailand. Women like Cherry and Fay are such an inspiration and we are blessed to be able to fellowship with them and call them our friends.



ISAAN-KORAT-PHI MAI

Also in September we travelled to Korat, the gateway city to the north-east or Isaan region of Thailand. God is certainly on the move in the Isaan as we heard great testimonies of healing, deliverance and miracles. One new believer, just a Christian for 2 weeks was facing a storm that would destroy his small bamboo and thatched house. Remembering the story of Jesus and the storm he stood defiantly and commanded the storm not to touch his house. The storm, like a small tornado, split in two, went around his home leaving it undamaged in the midst of destroyed buildings. He is part of a new church being planted in that village.

Friday night was a great night preaching at the Youth Centre run by a number of the City's churches.

Saturday we travelled to Phi Mai where Steve spoke powerfully to over 100 pastors from the Korat, Buriram, Sisaket areas on "Laying hold of the Advancing Kingdom!"



Saturday night and Sunday we were with Pastor Ju at Phi Mai Christian Centre, a church we first visited in 2004 with Dave Brennan, John Meldrum and Simon Evans. The church has grown from 20 to around 80 with a good number of leaders developing. The church has started one cell group and is planning 3 more, and we were great blessed by the work Pastor Ju is building there.



LOCAL CHURCH MINISTRY CHIANG MAI

We love our involvement with Acts church Chiang Mai and are very excited at what God is doing. One of our Cell Groups, led by a Thai lady named Peung continues to grow and recently seven people received Jesus at a Friday night meeting. The Cell Group is approaching 30 people and we are excited to see what God will do in the village of Baan Sala!

Also exciting is the outreach and practical helps our Cell Group provides to a poor Karen Village at Mae Dtia. Recently a number of the children prayed to receive Christ and slowly the adults are becoming interested as well. There is a real opportunity to see a Church planted in this Karen Village and we praise God for Peung and her passion to see Jesus changing lives there. The young and older men in this Village have ongoing problems with alcohol and drugs, which reeks havoc with their families – seeing changes in their lives is an amazing thing!



Apart from regular teaching and preaching we have been actively involved in the Building Committee as Acts Church plans to build a "Church Home" after 17 years



in rented facilities! Pray for them as they look to raise the \$250,000 required to complete the first stage. This is a significant and influencing City Church in the 2nd largest city in Thailand and we bless God we can be involved there.

ANNE IN AUSTRALIA

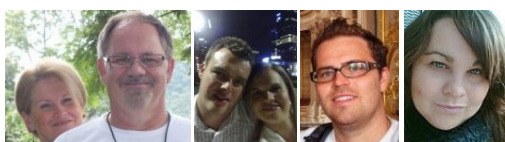
Anne has returned to Australia for the month of October and has 18 jewellery parties to conduct. These are great opportunities not only support our financial needs but also to share about what we are doing in Thailand.



FAMILY BUSINESS

Anne is in Australia at the moment and will spend some time with Rebekah and Rachel as they watch Rebekah "increasing" in anticipation of our first granddaughter arriving in February.

Josh is busy in the UK and loving life - his work and his role at Edge Church Bristol



LANGUAGE STUDY

Well its official...Steve has signed up for the Grade 6 (Bor Hok) exam at the end of November and will devote much of the next 6 weeks preparing for that. Please pray for God's grace, help and strength!



COMING UP

While Anne is in Australia Steve will be busy and even busier on her return.

- October 21-23 Steve will again be in the Isaan speaking at a youth conference with both Thai and Lao believers in Nong Khai.
- Early Nov - Bangkok
- Nov 15-25 team from Taigum, Qld in Fang and Chiang Mai, followed by a small Irish team that will hold a Worship and Prayer event in Chiang Mai.
- Nov 29 – Thai Language Exam
- Early Dec - Northern Thailand Bible College
- Large Youth Camp in Chiang Mai early next year with 4,000 young people anticipated to attend. Finances of around \$30,000 are required for this amazing event.

.....this is apart from our continued involvement in our Cell Group at Baan Sala and another cell group from Acts Church in the city

PRAYER POINTS

We are excited that all the good things we have seen God do are part of an ongoing work here. You may feel God leading you to pray for one or more of these projects as well as for us and our family. We would love it if you do! We are blessed and encouraged that our friends are praying for us! Prayer especially for

- Health
- Protection
- Breakthrough in Healings and Salvations
- Our family
- Ongoing Financial Needs

A BIG THANKYOU

Again, we want to express our deep gratitude to all our friends who support us both financially and by upholding us in prayer. Quite simply we would not be able to do what we do without your support – you may not be here in person, but you are definitely "here" in everything we do and we want you to know how much your faithfulness means to us.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

God may be leading you to help us with one or more projects we have coming up or to contribute to our ministry in an ongoing way you can use our details below and mark the donation specifically.

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Blessings

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