

the Ballou Family

Serving in Lamphun, Thailand



A WHOLE FAMILY BAPTIZED

Last week our church was blessed to celebrate with 6 new believers as they followed the Lord in baptism. This marked the very first time we baptized an entire family of four together, as a Dad, Mom, teenage daughter and teenage son all professed their faith publicly.

Before his baptism, Ton gave a testimony to the church of how he came to understand salvation. He shared how in the past he “paid respects” to anything and everything that people regarded as sacred. As the majority of Thai people would, he regularly asked for good luck from whatever entity seemed helpful in a particular place or season.

When Ton first heard the story of God, he went through a season where he regarded God as a higher power, but his initial understanding was that Jesus might just be a slightly more powerful or helpful deity than the other powers he had prayed to before. His first attempts to pray to Jesus were in that same form of asking God to make his life better, or to protect him and his family from harm.

Then, as we studied through from creation to Christ, and as he read through the book of Genesis, he came to understand just how big God is. He turned to Jesus for salvation and helped his family to understand and turn to Christ. The way he expressed his relationship with God after salvation is that he trusts God’s will, however God might answer his prayers. The whole church was blessed to see how quickly he is maturing as a believer.

We have mentioned this family in previous letters, and want to thank you so much for having a part by praying for this family over the past few months! We are always blessed when we see how God hears and answers your prayers.

In Christ,

The Ballou Family

Please pray for:

- Zach and Opal to be saved
- Milk and Sai, brand new sunday school teachers
- A permanent, spacious church location

MINISTRY SNAPSHOTS

Mother's Day in Thailand was a wonderful Sunday, with over a dozen first time guests. We are praying the gospel message will bear fruit in their hearts.



Thank you all for praying for Ton and Mot as well as their daughter Ton-nam, and their son Tem-im, as they have been growing in their knowledge of Christ. They were baptized along with the Reed's son Ryder and a recently saved college student.



Another great joy in recent ministry has been the opportunity to teach singing in parts for the chorale at the Nongloam Baptist Training Center. We have known many of these young people since 2011, and their faithful service is a great encouragement!

