

March 2016 Prayer Letter

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## Nothing gives more joy...

than getting to see God's miracles working out in people's hearts. During this month, we got to hold our first baptism service. Before being baptized, each person gave a testimony of how they came to know Christ and confessed that they were unashamed to identify with Him as their Savior. When we see these people who have become our brothers and sisters in Christ, our hearts are amazed. We'd love it if you took a moment to share in our joy.

*Eve is a senior in high school who grew up in a well-to-do but broken home. Being a very diligent student, she would devote herself to being the best not just in school work but in competitions held for students over the particulars of Buddhism. She has received some of the highest rewards in her school of over 3,000 students for her knowledge about the religion and how to follow it. With an unusual openness, she responded to the gospel, and accepted Christ just months after our moving to Lamphun.*

*Shortly after she was saved, we visited her home for a special ceremony they were having to move into a house they'd recently built. Following Buddhist custom, one room was set aside for the monks to come bless the house, decorated with very expensive and intricate details that had taken the family more than a month to hand-make. We didn't speak to her about what she should do that night before we left, but a few weeks later we found out she'd not joined her family to pay respect to the monks. When asked by her*

*grandfather if it was because of her new foreigner friends, she said no, it was because she was a follower of Jesus. Please pray for her faithfulness to Christ and growth in Him!*

*Other stories include a man named Ball who found a tract of ours in a Jehovah's Witness trash can, gave me a call, and after several Bible studies together, accepted Christ and has been faithful to every church service since studying together. A high school young man named Ice who accepted Christ was a specific answer to prayer and could be a true leader one day. Kate, a teacher who was once a very devout Buddhist, came to Christ after years of seeds being planted by various missionaries who shared the gospel with her, and finally accepted the truth of Christ for herself one year ago in our house in Chiang Mai.*

Our ministry these days is at least 80% planting of seeds, and it's truly our great joy and honor. We teach English classes, love on people, have them for dinner, and share the gospel story with them. We watch as their hearts slowly unfold and receive more and more of this brand new idea, that there is one God who created them, loves them, and has enacted a plan for their redemption. Please do pray that the beauty of the truth will outweigh the fears in their hearts. Seeing God change the mind and heart of Eve so easily, we're reminded that miracles happen because of the Holy Spirit, and because of your prayers!

Could you pray this month for **Sax and Opal** as well as a married couple **Tone and Nong**? We've had long talks with both of these couples about the Lord this last month, and we are asking God to do His work in their hearts. We wish we could ask you to pray for specific people more often, but cannot do so via social media, as so many of them connect with us there as well!

Praise:

This month we also had a field conference with BIMl in Bangkok. It was not only practically helpful, but more encouraging than we even thought was possible. Seeing veteran missionaries that have been serving for years in India, Cambodia, and Nepal just faithfully laboring and getting a glimpse of the fruit of a life invested was amazing. The fellowship with so many who understand right where we are was a real gift!

Gratefully,



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The look of apparent concern on our daughter's face from this picture at the baptism may be due to the fact that we have yet to take a good family photo including her! We promise that such an endeavor will be undertaken soon. When we have it, we will send out a high resolution version.



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