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Our church had a great Friend Day at a local resort.



Justin is always enthusiastic about invitations, and saw two of his friends come in answer to his prayers.



Dear Friends and Prayer Partners,

This month we've been reminded that God is faithful, He is eager to answer our prayer, and that He is good to encourage our hearts. With the start of the new year, we purposed together as a team to be faithful in prayer and in following up with the people God's put into our lives. Thank you for your prayers for our boldness, our wisdom, and for power as we share Christ, so that more people's hearts can be opened to and changed by God.

At the beginning of February, we had a team of Thai Christians from Chiang Mai come and help us pass out tracts in neighborhoods, present the gospel and teach English at a Buddhist university where more than half of the students were monks in training. Our teammate, Amie Richard, had gone to teach English there before, and that opened the door for us to be able to go in as a team and freely share the story of Christ. We're praying that the door will continue to be open for us there. The last day their team was with us, we went to our local night market, and got to set up a stand where we sang, shared the basic truths of Christ, personal testimonies of His work in lives, and

This month we were granted permission to occasionally use a platform in the center of a very busy street market!



Alisa handles the majority of English teaching, allowing us both to build relationships.



This college class was mostly comprised of student monks. Pray for favor and friendships!

“Just as a plant may die for lack of watering, so may a genuine work of God die and rot for lack of prayer.”

—J.O. Fraser

introduced people to our church and English center. It was the first time we'd tried that method of outreach, and was by far the most effective we've seen yet at meeting new people.

At the market outreach we met a few people interested in Christ, and being able to get their information led to several long appointments this month with new individuals whose hearts are open. **Please pray specifically for Andy.** He came to church after meeting him at the night market, and we had a long three hour conversation that fully went through the whole of the gospel. Though he lives in Bangkok, his girlfriend lives here in Lamphun, and we are asking God to do a great work in his heart - the work of salvation!

Our English center is bursting at the seams after going to have students register at schools in our area one afternoon. We have more than 50 high school students, 10 adults, and more than 20 kids that come study every week. **Please pray that God will allow us to develop relationships and be able to share Him fully with each one of these students.**

Last week, we had our first Friend Day, and God really blessed! We got to try out a meeting room at a nearby hotel, and the atmosphere was fantastic for the special day. Several people came for the first time ever, and a family returned who had been kept away by overtime at work. It was really encouraging for our church, and watching new Christians serve non-Christians was truly awesome.

Next month, we're going to be able to utilize a Thai tradition of having an open house party because we just moved. We'll be inviting everyone we've become friends with in this city, and are praying God uses it.

Thank you for laboring in prayer with us!  
For His name's sake,

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