



# Ballou FAMILY

REACHING THAI PEOPLE  
WITH THE GOSPEL OF  
JESUS CHRIST

BAPTISMS AND AN ORDINATION

MARCH 2025

The first quarter of this year has been so filled with blessings it seems hard to fit all of them into a single update! In January we saw several of our Christmas Sunday visitors return and engage in our process of learning the basics of the gospel. Pat became the fourth young man in a group of college-aged friends to follow Christ in baptism over the past year. In February the blessings continued with good week-by-week ministry. A young man who has been away from the Lord reconnected with us, and has been responsive to the love and fellowship of church members. We enjoyed helping with a teen camp for MKs which has blessed our family for the past 9 years. Now into March, I enjoyed attending the Spiritual Leadership Conference in Manila with a few men from our church. The fellowship and sessions encouraged and equipped me for ministry in this year. Following the conference our sending pastor, Paul Chappell, came to minister in our church for the weekend. Nine guests heard the gospel for the first time ever in our morning “Friend Day” service. Mi’eh, a young lady who first came on Christmas was baptized. In the evening, we ordained Luke Chermue, a young man I have known since 2011, and who served with us in starting the church here in downtown Lamphun. I hope you enjoy the highlight photos, and ask you to pray for wisdom and Holy Spirit power for the second quarter of the year.

*Love in Christ,  
the Ballou Family*





THESE FOUR FRIENDS HAVE ALL BEGUN FOLLOWING JESUS IN THE PAST 14 MONTHS. THE SINCERITY OF THEIR FAITH HAS BEEN ENCOURAGING FOR THE WHOLE CHURCH!



AT THE FUNERAL OF A CHURCH MEMBER'S RELATIVE, I WAS SO ENCOURAGED TO SEE THAI BELIEVERS LIVING OUT THEIR FAITH WITH HOW THEY CHOSE TO PARTICIPATE BUT ALSO GRACEFULLY DECLINE CERTAIN RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.



I WAS RECENTLY INVITED TO MEET WITH ANOTHER LOCAL SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR. WE CURRENTLY HAVE OUTREACHES IN FIVE SCHOOLS, AND OPEN DOORS ARE ABUNDANT. PLEASE PRAY FOR WISDOM, AS WELL AS FOR GREATER CAPACITY FOR OUTREACH.



FRIEND DAY THIS YEAR INCLUDED THE BAPTISM OF MI'EH. PASTOR PETER MORDH TAUGHT ON PRAYER, AS SEVERAL GUESTS HAD THEIR FIRST EXPERIENCE IN A CHURCH.



I AM THANKFUL FOR THE WAY GOD HAS ALLOWED US TO SERVE TOGETHER AS A FAMILY, AND ESPECIALLY THANKFUL FOR THE MANY WAYS IN WHICH ALISA SERVES AND BUILDS UP THE CHURCH.





LUKE CHERMUE JOINED OUR CHURCH PLANTING TEAM IN APRIL OF 2015. SEEING HIM GROW IN HIS MINISTRY CAPACITY HAS BEEN A TRUE JOY. HIS ORDINATION ON MARCH 9 WAS ENCOURAGING TO OUR CHURCH MANY FRIENDS FROM AROUND THE COUNTRY.

I FREQUENTLY DRIVE PAST THIS VACANT FACILITY IN AN UNREACHED SUBDISTRICT OF OUR CITY. SITUATED BETWEEN A SCHOOL AND GOVERNMENT OFFICES, THE SPACE HAS CAUGHT MY EYE FOR A COUPLE OF MONTHS. I WOULD APPRECIATE PRAYERS FOR WISDOM ABOUT WHETHER OPENING AN OUTREACH CENTER IN THIS SPACE WOULD EFFECTIVELY INCREASE OUR IMPACT.





SPIRITUAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN MANILA WAS A REFRESHING OPPORTUNITY TO CONNECT WITH OTHER MINISTRY LEADERS FROM AROUND ASIA AND THE WORLD.

