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October 2016 Newsletter

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Dear Friends,

The last month has been full of great opportunities for us. One special opportunity was to teach English at a local government office. I taught four nights a week for three weeks, and was amazed at how quickly a genuine rapport was established. We are really grateful for any opportunities that allow us to develop real friendships with new groups of people. Often the conversation would move toward the Lord, the differences between meditation and prayer, and even the characteristics of Jesus, who humbled Himself to become a man and walk among us to save us. We'll be inviting them to our anniversary service, so please pray that some of them would come, and that God would allow us to faithfully invest in these people with His truth and love over time.

Alisa got to spend one evening with some of the ladies that have been released from the prison where she still teaches English once a month. It was a group that was reached for Christ through Bible studies while in prison. They met for encouragement in the Lord, for accountability, and for fellowship. Seeing what God's done in that ministry has been a great encouragement to us. Alisa has also begun the paperwork to begin ministering in a women's prison right here in Lamphun. Please pray for favor and the right timing in launching that new ministry!

Recently Namrin, a faithful lady in our church, shared with us just how receptive her

16-year old daughter has become to the gospel. She said that K'ning told that family that she was going to trust Christ and get baptized at the same time as her Uncle Gung. Just a few days later he died tragically of heart failure. This was a very difficult time even for me, as he had been a dear friend for several years, and was increasingly involved in our church as he contemplated the gospel. Now when the topic of salvation and baptism comes up, K'ning really struggles to deal with the emotions of his passing. Could you help us pray for her to have the courage to trust in Christ?

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With the passing of the king, we ask you to pray for Thailand as the country transitions to a new leader. The sadness and sorrow is profound as Thais truly held his majesty in high esteem. Please continue to pray for this nation that we love, for the people that we love, and for peace in these times of great change.

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We will be visiting the states briefly at the end of next month and we are looking forward to seeing family and reporting to several of our supporting churches. We truly are grateful for the honor it is to be upheld in prayer by you, to represent you and be supported by you so that we can do the work of the Gospel here in Thailand!

Sincerely,

The Ballou Family



In this picture from the first service of our church, K'ning is on the right, pictured with her mom and brother, who attend church faithfully, as well as her uncle Gung.



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