



THE BALLOU FAMILY

Prayer

"Prayer is where the action is."

John Wesley

Requests

- Several new believers who need to take the important step of baptism, and for strength to confidently be a witness to their families.
- Bible Institute courses that are being prepared and taught.

September

The next step of growth on my heart at the moment is to split our adult Sunday school into two classes and see even more fellowship and growth. The kids Sunday school classes have been a real blessing and outreach lately, and I am eager to see effective small groups where members can minister to each other, where people can learn to be students of the Word, take a step forward in their personal Christian walks.



Through the months of July and August we have continued to see encouraging spiritual and numerical growth in the church here in Lamphun. One of my favorite moments was standing in the door between our auditorium and fellowship hall, seeing three separate conversations where a member was sharing the gospel with guests!

In cooperation with good friends at New Life Baptist Church in the neighboring province, we are working on developing a thorough and academically rigorous Bible education for ministry students. This past mini-term I taught Introduction to Biblical Counseling. The students responded well. I've also just begun mentoring a group of men from our community and church every Tuesday, teaching principles of leadership, growth in manhood and in Christ.

Oh yeah... we also had a baby! Thanks for all the kind words and responses via social media. Alisa's mom came over to help Alisa for two weeks, followed by a brief visit from our good friend Trent Kelly, and my sister Abigail. Alisa will be jumping back into teaching both the Tuesday night English classes and the English and Bible teaching in the prison at the end of the month. We're feeling tremendously blessed!

Blessings to you from Thailand!