



Teachers for Thailand Update

Dear Ministry Partner,

Over the past several years we have had the privilege of hosting several short-term teams. To make these trips effective we used the abilities that are natural to those who come—to speak English. Teams would go into a Thai school and hold an English Camp so that students can hear and practice English from a native speaker.



After each camp the school's head master would tell me they wished the volunteers could stay longer and serve as long-term English teachers. They knew it would have tremendous benefit for the future of the students.

From these conversations a program was started in partnership with Crossworld called "Teachers for Thailand"



The program started in 2013 with two teachers. For various reasons we did not place these teachers at a school where a short-term team had visited.

We are excited that Grant and Michelle Wooten have now joined the program. Grant will be teaching in Sukhothai province at a school



Headmaster who hired Grant

where short-term teams have served in prior years.

When I took Grant to interview at the school the headmaster hired him on the spot. He saw the character and quality of those who held the English Camps and knew whomever we recommended he could trust.

We want to thank all of the short-term teams for opening the door for this program. Without your willingness to come we would not have this opportunity.

Our desire for the program is to send hundreds of Christians to serve as English teachers in Thai schools. While doing this the teachers will develop relationships with the students and staff. From these relationships they will be able to share their faith in Jesus.

Please pray for Grant as he starts teaching next month. That God would use both of them to influence their community. Also please pray for the other teachers who are serving in Phitsanulok province.

If you know someone who would be interested in serving the Lord for a couple of years in this way please contact Crossworld at <http://crossworld.org> for further information

May God Bless You,

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Spirit House

Frangipani plant.

A concern we have had from the time we moved the THAILAND RESOURCE CENTER to this location four years ago was the presence of a spirit house on the property. We asked the owner even before we moved in if we could remove it and she said no. Belief in "property spirits" is very strong in Thailand and she was fearful that if we removed it the spirits would give her problems.

So even though we didn't like having it on the property we couldn't do anything about it. We basically ignored it. In fact, missionary kids who didn't know what it was sometimes played with the figurines in the spirit house like it was a doll house. After making the first payment on the property in January one of the first things I

asked the owner was permission to remove the spirit house. This time she said yes. She said in her mind we were now the owners of the property so the spirits wouldn't bother her.

Even more than that I knew we had to remove it immediately for other reasons. Our Christian employees didn't like it because it represented a life they no longer want to be part of. Our Buddhist employee started offering "gifts" of food to the spirit house and we didn't want that to continue.

Finally, it confused some of the visitors to our office who didn't understand the situation. They couldn't understand why a Christian organization would have a spirit house and we would have to explain the situation to them.

We praise the Lord that, after we made the first payment to purchase the property we were able to destroy the spirit house and replace it with a Frangipani plant.

God has been gracious as we have already received \$12,000 for the next payment -- that leaves \$38,000 to raise by January 2016

If possible we would like to pay the remaining balance before the end of three years. The total amount due by January 2018 is \$118,000.

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