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"Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do His work and build up the church, the body of Christ, measuring up to the full stature of Christ."

Ephesians 4:12 (NLT)



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DWIGHT AND MARY KAY MARTIN SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

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Dear Ministry Partner,

On March 23-25 I participated in house church leadership training with the Free in Jesus Christ Church Association (FJCCA). Most of the 600 adults attending have been believers in Jesus for less than a year. The FJCCA has started over 200 house churches in the past 15 months — 79 this year alone! There is a great need for more leaders. At the meeting 200 committed to be house church leaders. Praise the Lord!

This is the story of one of the new leaders, "Somchit". I noticed Somchit when Pastor Somsak was explaining the purpose of baptism to those wanting to be baptized. She stood out because of the joy and excitement on her face. Since 70 people were to be baptized five of us entered the water to help baptize everyone. Somchit was the first person in my line. She was so excited to be baptized she was shaking. After the baptism service I asked Pastor Somsak's wife what Somchit's story was, why was she so excited. This is what she told me.

Somchit is from Wang Takoo village in Phichit province. The gospel first entered this village on December 2, 2017. (I know this because Wang Takoo was one of the villages I had the privilege of sharing the gospel together with Pastor Somsak.) On that day 81 people made a commitment to Christ and a house church formed. (I have returned to this village twice since then to encourage these new believers.)

A characteristic of FJCCA house churches is that members are encouraged to share their testimony with their friends and invite them to the house church. This is where Somchit heard about Jesus. When she came she was depressed and felt ashamed because her husband had abandoned her for another woman. She was so depressed she tried to kill herself by having someone crash into her motorcycle, but it didn't work.

At the house church she heard the gospel message and learned that Jesus loves her. She made a commitment to Jesus that day and her life hasn't been the same. Rather than shame and embarrassment she now has peace and joy. That is why she was excited to be baptized. Since the house church training I heard she hasn't stopped telling others about Jesus.

This is just one of the many stories of what God is doing in Central Thailand. Please pray for the FJCCA as they spread the Good News to hundreds of villages that have never heard of Jesus. If you would like to be involved in this movement please consider giving a gift so we can provide "spiritual food" to feed these new born believers.

Blessings in Jesus,

Dwight & Mary Kay Martin

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Story of Somchit



Leadership training in March 2018



Somchit (hands folded) excited to be baptized



70 people were baptized at the meeting



December 2, 2017 in Wang Takoo village

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Other News



2018 - 2022 EFT North committee

In January I traveled to Hanoi to train local users on how to enter data into the Harvest Church Database. Our hope is that by the end of the year to have most of Vietnam's churches entered into the database so Vietnamese church planters will know where to share the gospel message. After returning from Vietnam I came down with pneumonia and spent a week in the hospital. It took over a month to be completely healed. I was grateful Mary Kay was there to help me through this difficult time.

In March the Thailand Evangelical Fellowship – North Region (EFT) held their annual meeting and to elect new board members. I was elected to serve for a second four-year term. Our prayer and desire for this role is to encourage and train churches in Northern Thailand on how to plant churches using the same model that is successful in Central Thailand. Later, That same month I traveled to Vientiane to train Lao Christians on how to enter church data into the Laos Harvest Database. Since Laos is a small country we expect all the churches in Laos will be entered by the end of the year.

We are excited that five SE Asian countries are now using the Harvest database and maps. As we learned from our experience in Thailand and Cambodia, the Harvest Church Database and Mapping system opens up the eyes of church planters to help them be more strategic and effective in where to plant churches.

Please pray for us while we travel to the US. Mary Kay arrived last month to help her parents. I will be arriving on April 7 and will be traveling throughout US during this month. We return to Thailand together on June 7.

Please pray for our office staff while we are gone. Pray that all the computer and printing equipment will work properly with no problems. Pray especially for Kath as she provides leadership to the rest of the team. She has a lot of extra responsibility on her shoulders during our absence.

How to provide “spiritual food” to new believers

We purchase Bibles, discipleship materials, some gas money and training expenses to keep this movement fueled.

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