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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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January to June 2019 Update

Dear Ministry Partner,

This has been a very busy but fruitful year.

In January, Dwight had the opportunity to visit Israel together with Pastor Somsak. They went with a group from Pillar College where Dwight's cousin, David Schroeder, is President. The trip made scripture come to life for both of them. Instead of seeing pictures or using their imagination of places in Israel they have experienced it and now have seen it with their own eyes.

In April, Christianity Today wrote an article on the FJCCA (Free in Jesus Christ Church Association) church planting movement we are part of in Thailand. The article was chosen as the cover story for the April 2019 issue. If you haven't read the article I encourage you to download it at <https://cutt.ly/ficca>. I am sure you will find it interesting. It will also help you better understand our work.

We want to share with you the latest statistics on what God is doing within the FJCCA (Free in Jesus Christ) movement. These statistics are from December 1, 2016, to June 31, 2019.

434 churches were started

- 12,234 individuals have made a decision to believe in Jesus
- 37% (4,563) were baptized
- 42% (5,139) finished the 4th level of discipleship
- 53% (6,542) are attending church

These are extremely encouraging numbers and demonstrates the effectiveness of the Biblical evangelism and discipleship developed by the FJCCA. **We make sure none of the "sheep" are lost by diligently counting them and following up with new believers.**

This movement is not just taking place with the FJCCA — other churches have also asked to be trained. **Since the beginning of 2019 seven other groups / churches have been trained and seven more are scheduled to be trained during the next three months.**

We know the training is working because when we follow up with the churches they tell us they are more effective than ever before. **They recognize that this is the Thai way to reach the Thai heart.**

Please pray for the FJCCA as we train more churches and start more of our own churches. **By the end of the year 2020 the goal is to start another 600 churches, train 600 more house church leaders/church planters and baptize 6,000 more new believers.**

Blessings in Jesus,

Dwight & Mary Kay Martin



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CP Training in Ranong Province



Baptism service in June



CP Training in Bangkok



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Family Update

Mary Kay spent three months this year in the US helping her parents. Please pray for her family as they navigate the best way to support their parents.

We have exciting news to share. Mary Kay and I will become grandparents! Our daughter, Crystal, shared with us that she is pregnant and due to give birth in January 2020. **Please pray for Crystal and her husband, Brad. Pray that she and the baby stay healthy.** We are looking forward to meeting our new grandchild.

Last month our son, Tim, was hired by the MN Department of Natural Resources in the Fish and Wildlife division. This is something he has wanted to do for a long time. Please pray for him.

Pray for Dwight as he has extensive travel plans -- not only to help with training church planters but also for the Thai national plan (TEC). The TEC is working on plans for next year's Congress 9 which is a gathering of 5,000 Christian leaders in Thailand. **Our prayer is that this Congress will be a spring board for the gospel to spread to every village in Thailand by the year 2030.**

In June we had dear friends from the Church at Brookhills come and visit us. It was very encouraging to us to spend time with them. We had a great time together.



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