



Church Planting in Central Thailand

Dear Ministry Partner,

When CrossTies Asia joined Reach A Village (RAV) we had no idea what God had in store. We were encouraged to see how God was using RAV to help national leaders start churches in Cambodia and Myanmar but didn't know how this would work in Thailand. God already had a plan.

Since then we've had the privilege to visit Pastor Somsak in Phetchabun province. When we met, he shared what his organization was doing and how God was using it to start churches.

We were surprised to hear that since December they had started over 50 house churches. What surprised me more was he was using the same church planting principles I saw being used in the other countries. **When I asked Pastor Somsak who taught him these principles his answer was "Jesus I just started doing what the Bible says He did."**



I have been back to Phetchabun several times now and have visited many of the house churches and spoken with many new believers. It is an exciting place to visit. People are coming to the Lord daily and new churches are starting weekly. Every month dozens of people are being baptized. **This is an indigenous movement of God that is totally self-supported.**

As Pastor Somsak and I talked over the past months he shared his concern about the growing pains of this organization. He doesn't have the tools and resources to manage the rapid growth. He then asked if we would partner with him to help with this. I said yes because I recognized God had been preparing us to do this when we joined RAV.

I have developed software to assist in the management of their churches, members, church planter activities and budget. On September 4, I am driving to Phetchabun to train his team on these tools. They are internet based tools to update and track church growth data using smartphones and computers. This information will be online so others can see and be encouraged by what God is doing.



When I asked Pastor Somsak how the movement is funded he said, "we use whatever funds God provides from members. Sometimes we run out of funds and stop until we have saved up enough to continue".

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As a partner I asked if we could help raise funds so they can continue to plant churches. Funds will be used for purchasing Bibles, evangelism/discipleship materials, church planter training and gas money. He said yes, as long as we did not pay any salaries. We agreed to this.



We would like to ask you to consider being part of this movement of God. They are planning a big evangelism push into 30 villages during the Christmas season. We are confident many will come to know Jesus and many churches will be started because of this effort. We need people to pray for Pastor Somsak and his team as they share the gospel to these unreached areas of Thailand. Additional funds are needed for this Christmas outreach.

We have committed to raise \$5,000 for them. If you sense God asking you to be a part of this please visit <http://crosstiesasia.org/rav1> and give a gift. As a bonus, a generous donor has offered to double your gift. So, if you give \$100 it will be doubled to \$200. \$500 will be doubled to \$1,000.

Thank you for your partnership and continued support of this ministry.

Blessings,

Dwight & Mary Kay Martin

Family Update & Prayer Requests

- Praise: Tim, our son, finished all the requirements to receive his Master's degree from the University of Minnesota. He has a full time temporary job with DNR. Pray that this turns into a permanent position.
- Pray for Mary Kay as she travels to the U.S. on September 13 to help her parents and other family members. She will be there until December 10. Pray that she will be able to keep up with her work in Thailand at the same time.
- Pray for Crystal and Brad as they grow as a couple and that God will direct them in the decisions they have for their future.
- Please pray for Dwight's extensive speaking and travel schedule during the next three months:
 - ⇒ Travel to Laos and Vietnam to set up the Harvest Church Database for these countries.
 - ⇒ Speak at the Congress for the Cambodian Church in October.
 - ⇒ Speaking to several groups in Thailand about church planting and the status of the Thai Church.
 - ⇒ Church Planter training in Phetchabun in November with Bob Craft of Reach A village.

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