



Vision 2010

*80,000 Neighborhoods and Villages hear the Gospel
7,415 Sub-districts to have a group of Christians and
926 Districts to have a Church by the year 2010*

Exciting events are happening within the Thai national church. Since 2004, over 100 Christian denominations have been meeting together in unity to reach the country for Jesus. Out of these meetings a vision to plant a church in every “tambon” (sub-district) by the year 2010 has emerged. Fittingly this national plan is called “Vision 2010.” To encourage Christian leaders to accomplish this vision every year, pastors from around the country meet to pray and worship. To accomplish this goal, pastors need information as where to plant churches.

Leadership development is a crucial element of the plan.



Meeting with 300 pastors from Isaan



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Being interviewed by Pastor Yuttasak

Little did we know when God called us to Thailand in 2005 we were going to be asked to help with this national vision. He was preparing us to serve the Church at just the time needed. It has amazed us to see God work.

Prior to our coming, two other missionaries were providing the necessary expertise. Due to other ministry obligations they were unable to help full-time and were waiting for someone to take over. When they discovered what God called us to do, they were more than willing to hand the work over to us to carry it forward. A

benefit which has helped us greatly is that many pastors knew Dwight's parents as missionaries, and as a result we have been readily accepted by the Thai church leaders.

Dwight has been asked to attend every pastors' meeting and to explain the ministry and how we are able to help them through providing mapping and digital resources. When Dwight explains that by the end of the year they will have access to a digital library of over 1,000 Christian resources via the Internet or a USB thumb drive, they get excited. Most pastors do not have many Christian resources or the money to purchase them, and they recognize this will greatly help their ministry. By the end of the year Dwight will have had the opportunity to share with over 25% percent of the Thai national pastors.

Gift of Grace



In our last December prayer letter I had asked you to pray for a Thai friend of mine named “Gahn.” God has been answering your prayers.

During a conversation with him in April, he was deeply concerned about his financial situation. He explained how difficult it is to make a living as a red song-teo (taxi) driver. When I offered to pray for him, he refused. He said it didn’t work. Instead I sensed the Lord telling me to offer him a “cup of cold water.” In this case the “cup of cold water” meant an interest free loan of about \$200 to get him through this difficult period. I wasn’t sure how faithful he would be in paying off the loan, but decided it was worth the risk. By taking this risk, our relationship has grown closer. He recognized I cared about him enough to do this, and we have been able to talk about life on a deeper level.

Last month visitors from the United States stayed in our neighbor’s house. They needed a taxi driver to take them around town, so I recommended my friend to them. The night

before they left Thailand, they talked to me about a gift they wanted to give Gahn. What they explained blew me away. They told me they wanted to pay off the debt Gahn owed me. But before I let him know his debt to me was forgiven, they wanted me to explain to him how Jesus has paid for his debt of sin.

This last Sunday I sat down with Gahn, and we were able to talk about the debt of sin each of us carries and how Jesus has paid the price for our sin. I was then able to compare that with the debt he owed me and how somebody else has paid for his debt just as Jesus has done. When he recognized his debt of sin and what Jesus had done, he asked me how he can get his debt of sin paid off. So, I was able to lead him in a prayer to receive Jesus. Praise the Lord! God works in many different ways. You never know what to expect. You just have to keep your eyes open in expectation.

Prayer Requests:

- Continued cooperation with other missions to get materials for the Thai people
- Wisdom in hiring new employees
- Tim as he continues his education and safety as he travels the roads of Chiang Mai
- Crystal with her busy schedule
- Gahn—in his new walk with the Lord

Praises:

- God’s provision of employees and equipment
- Continued good health and safety as we travel within the country

Please pray for Gahn. It is difficult for a Thai to receive Jesus because they feel like they are giving up their nationality and culture. They especially feel they are forsaking their parents.

Family Update

A lot has happened in the last few months. I traveled to the United States to put our house up for sale, but soon discovered that the housing market has really slowed down. So, after a couple of months we decided to take it off the market. I went from the mindset of packing everything and selling as much as I could - to getting the house ready for our daughter to live there. Crystal has decided to move back to Birmingham to attend Samford University. God then provided her with a roommate, Stephanie, a teacher at Shades Mountain Christian School. She was looking for a place to live and everything fell into place. Isn’t God’s timing great! I also had the opportunity to visit with my parents and family for a short time in Minnesota. It was good to have the time together.

Tim has joined us in Thailand and is attending Payap University 3 ½ hours a day to learn Thai (a requirement for his degree.) In the afternoons he helps at the office. He is using his GIS skills to provide maps for Thai church leaders so they know where to plant churches. It’s incredible how God has planned things out for us in this way.

Our biggest concern now is that God would continue to provide the financing to cover college costs and the upkeep of our house in Birmingham. Pray that Crystal will be able to keep up with things at the house, take 18+ hours of college credits and work 20 hours a week. It is a big load for a 20 year old. Thank you for your prayers for our family and supporting our ministry financially. May God bless each one of you. Mary Kay