



## CHIANGMAI THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY

In January of this year Mary Kay was asked if she would consider helping the Chiangmai Theological Seminary organize their library. It had been a long time since anyone with library experience had helped them and it was in dire need of upkeep.

At first it was an overwhelming task as there was so much work to be done. Mary Kay mentioned this concern to her friend, Carol Westbrook, who is a librarian and asked if she would be interested in coming to Thailand to help get this project started. Carol and Mary Kay had worked together for many years in the library at Shades Mountain Christian School in Birmingham, Alabama.



her because it was so disorganized. Now, with Mary Kay's help, it is a functional library and is a big asset to the seminary."

It has been challenging for Mary Kay to do this work as she has to use both Thai and English. However, it has also been very satisfying for her to be able to use the talents God has given her to make a difference for the Kingdom.

After working in a Christian Thai library it is very apparent just how few resources Thai seminary students have in their language. Those of us who read and speak English don't realize how fortunate we are by having thousands of resources readily available to us.



To Mary Kay's delight Carol was able to come in February. During Carol's time in Thailand they made a big dent in getting the library organized.

Early on Mary Kay advised the seminary they needed to purchase automated library software. Thankfully they were able to find the funding and we installed the software in June. This software has made a big difference in the use of the library because students are able to find books and resources much easier. Wannapa Reyong, the seminary's director, said "Before Mary Kay came to help, the library was a source of frustration to



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## Meet Kat

The young lady in the pictures on the front page is “Kat”. Kat is a young Mien tribal lady that helps me. She is a new Christian who recently accepted the Lord. She heard the Gospel for the first time while attending university.

One weekend she accepted a friend’s invitation to go church to get away from the university because everything was so quiet and she was very fearful of evil spirits. While at church she had a wonderful feeling of peace. As a result she started meeting with the pastor and asking questions. Eventually she accepted Christ into her life. Now she is very faithful and involved at her church.

Her father is a doctor in her village and is a very devout Buddhist. When she goes home her family expects her to conform to their Buddhist ways. She really struggles with this because of

her faith in Jesus. As a result she doesn’t return home very often.

I have really enjoyed working with Kat at the library. She has such a sweet personality and is an excellent and quick learner. She is really enjoying learning how to run a library.

One day she asked me how we can communicate so well. I explain things to her in English and she replies to me in Thai. It is quite a funny conversation, but it works!

Please pray for Kat. Her father is pressuring her to go work with him in his clinic but she wants to stay at the seminary and serve the Lord. It is very difficult for her. She wants to honor her earthly father but knows her Heavenly Father has called her to work at the seminary.

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## Prayer Requests

- Mary Kay as she travels to the U.S. to visit our children and as she takes care of her mother after her surgery.
- To complete the Thai church tracking database.
- For the new vision of the Thai church—Vision 2015  
One million Thai Christians by 2015.

## Praises

- Tim found a job shortly after arriving in Minnesota.
- Our visas for next year were approved.
- Faithful staff who are a great help in ministry.
- God’s protection over our family.

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