

THE MARTIN CHRONICLES

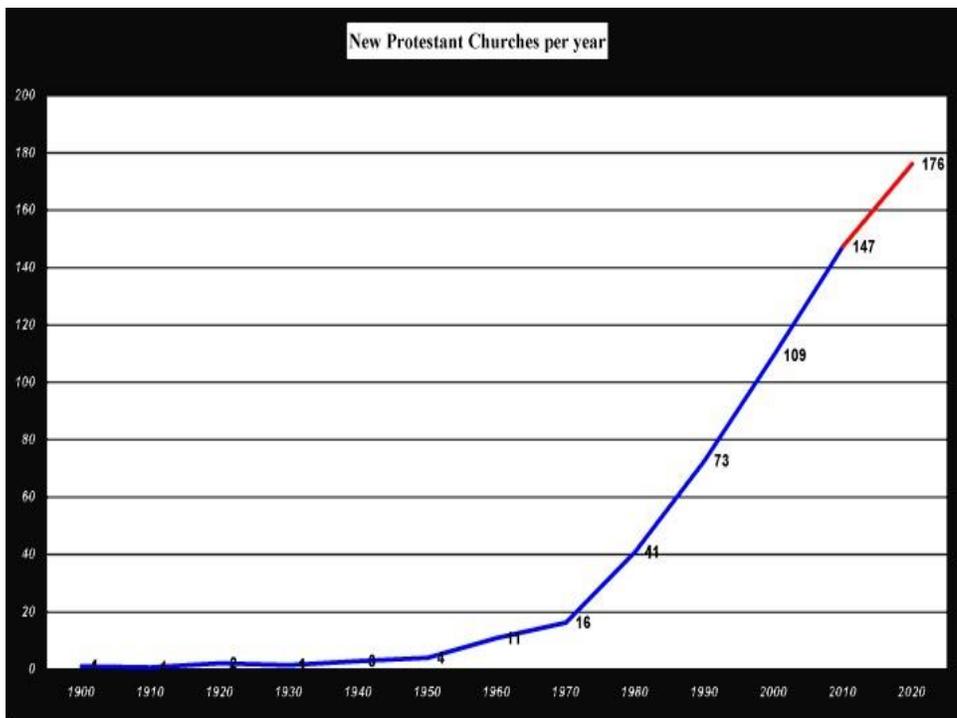


Encouraging Words

"And there was great joy throughout the church that day as they read this encouraging message" Acts 15:31 (NLT)

As this verse states, words of encouragement bring great joy to those who hear it. We believe a big part of our ministry in Thailand is to do this very thing, to encourage Thai Christian leaders. We do this several ways. One, provide them with thousands of Christian materials for their use to encourage and grow their churches. Second, visit them and encourage them personally. Finally, provide them with data and maps as evidence of how the Body of Christ is growing in Thailand.

This month Dwight presented findings on the growth of the church to over 400 Thai pastors. Using the graph below he showed how the church has grown since 1900. As you can see, church growth is accelerating. **In 2008 a new church was started every 2.5 days.** This evidence of God's working was very encouraging to the pastors.



We are confident that in the not too distant future Thailand will reach a "tipping point." Where the momentum for change will become unstoppable and thousands will come to know Jesus.

As you read this we believe you too will be encouraged by what God is doing. Please continue to pray for the work of the Lord in Thailand. Pray that the pastors will be diligent in reaching their goal of starting a church in every district by the year 2010. This goal could be reached in as few as 90 days if they concentrated on planting churches in the districts where there are none today.

Thank you for your continued prayers and ministry support. We know you are praying for us because we see God's protection upon us. We are always amazed how God meets our needs through your sacrificial giving.

You are such an encouragement to us!

Testimonials

Here are some encouraging testimonials leaders in Thailand have recently said about our ministry.

"The work Dwight and his family do for the national church is very important. Their leadership of Thai Church Resource Center gives the church the data and maps needed to accurately track the growth of the Protestant church in Thailand. The digital library, on the Internet and thumb drive will greatly help pastors in their role of planting and growing churches throughout the country."

Rev. Yuttasak Sirikul

National Director Thailand Campus Crusade for Christ



"I am very encouraged to see Dwight come back to Thailand to serve the national church. Dwight's parents played a big role in the early years of my ministry and were a great encouragement to my wife and I. We are excited what God is doing in Thailand these days and I am confident God called Dwight and Mary Kay to Thailand to play a significant role in these events".

Dr. Thira Janepiriyaprayoon

Senior Pastor Mahapawn Bangkok Church

President of the Thailand Evangelism and Church Planting Committee



Prayer Requests:

- Safety for Mary Kay and Tim as they fly back to the US
- The sale of our house will proceed without complication
- Crystal's work load and school load

Praises:

- We were able to distribute thumb drives containing Christian resources to over 400 pastors
- God has kept us safe as we travel around the country

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"I have enjoyed working with Dwight on the Thailand Evangelism and Church Planting Committee. His cultural experience of growing up in Thailand and his ability to speak Thai has allowed him to be immediately accepted by the Thai pastors as one of them. The technical gifts that he brings to the TEC are greatly needed and appreciated. The mapping and resourcing Dwight provides is fueling the national movement and helping leaders plan strategically to saturate the country with churches."

Gregg Nicholson

**Missionary in Thailand for 18 years with United World Missions
Ministry Coordinator for the Evangelical Fellowship of Thailand**



As we approach the Christmas season I am reminded that God provided a place for his son to be born. He is our provider.

Our family is once again going through a major transition as we sell our house in the states. As I write this we are in the process of accepting an offer on our house. We can only trust in the one who has our lives in his hands to take care of our needs.



If it goes through I will be returning to the states in a couple of weeks to pack and move. Please pray with us for the sale and finding housing for our kids. Tim returns to the states in January and we will miss having him with us and the help he has provided to the ministry. We are thankful he will be returning with a job waiting for him. He will continue to help the ministry via the internet. Crystal will be looking for a new job (part time) in January. Please pray a job will become available to her (especially in the accounting field).

"He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.'" Ps. 91:1, 2

May God Bless each of you as you celebrate the birth of our Savior.

Mary Kay