



CROSSTIES ASIA

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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.” Eph 4:12 (NLT)



Our New Venture

Things change and yet they remain the same

We trust by now you have received our December MAF prayer letter where we informed you about changes in our ministry. If you have not we would like to share with you some of what we wrote.

“With life comes change; it is inevitable. As one who has faithfully supported us through your prayers, friendship, and giving, we wanted to share with you some very important changes we are embarking on.

Over the past two years we have sensed a desire to expand the ministry in ways outside of MAF’s ministry paradigm. As a result we have resigned our position with MAF and are launching a new ministry called, CrossTies Asia, in affiliation with the Crosswinds Foundation.

We will still be serving in Thailand and

continuing the work God has given us, but we believe this new association will allow us to have a broader area of ministry and a greater impact in SE Asia.

We have also become members of the International Fellowship of Alliance Professionals (IFAP), an agency of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA). This is a significant association, not only because it further connects us to the work begun by Dwight’s parents in Thailand 40+ years ago, but also gives us an even greater presence with Thai pastors. On a personal level, it is a great blessing as our membership in IFAP will also provide for our health insurance.

Even though we will no longer be part of MAF, we will remain in partnership with them on many ministry projects.”

Please join us on this exciting new venture.

What is CrossTies Asia

By definition a **CROSSTIE** is a structural part of a framework or system used to strengthen and support it.

The crosstie is a good analogy of the work we do in Thailand. Our ministry is involved with providing important “crossties” for supporting and strengthening the Church in SE Asia.

Just as the railroad crosstie was fundamental to the growth of the United States, the thousands of Christian resources we make available to Thai believers are fundamental, structural components for the growth of the church in Thailand.

In addition to this, CrossTies Asia “ties” together the church in Asia with the church in the U.S. With your involvement in this ministry you too are tied in to what God is doing in SE Asia.

Why Crosswinds

For a while we have been feeling we needed to be part of a mission agency better aligned with our ministry. As we were seeking God for His guidance, He directed us to the Crosswinds Foundation. We chose to be part of this non-profit for several reasons.

1. The mission of Crosswinds Foundation is compatible with our ministry in Thailand. Crosswind’s mission is to Inform-Instruct-Influence the U.S. church about the dramatic shifts that are occurring in society. In Thailand we also Inform-Instruct-Influence the Thai church about what is happening in society and how to advance the Gospel in this country.
2. The founder and Executive Director, Bob Waldrep, has been a friend of ours for many years. Dwight served together with Bob as a Lay Pastor at the Church of Brook Hills from 2001-2006
3. The board of directors of the Crosswinds Foundation is made up of individuals we know and highly respect.
4. We were able to create an affiliated ministry organization called CrossTies Asia under the Crosswinds Foundation. Dwight, as the Executive Director of CrossTies Asia will have the freedom to develop and grow the ministry in SE Asia as the Lord leads.
5. The administrative fees are much lower with Crosswinds. This means there are more finances available for ministry.
6. For our ministry partners, we trust Crosswinds will be a blessing to you as well. Through Crosswinds you will be informed about “cultural crosswinds” that are impacting our nation’s most important institutions; including: the family, education, government, and matters of faith and spirituality, including the church. To learn more visit:

crosswindsfoundation.org

DWIGHT AND MARY KAY MARTIN SERVING IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

The Martin Chronicles

Furlough Update

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Prayer Requests

- Our transition will go well and won't be a burden
- Traveling mercies as we travel to Thailand on December 29.
- For Thailand on December 17 that many Thais would come to faith in Jesus through the My Hope project

It has been such a joy and privilege to meet with many of our ministry partners throughout the United States during this short furlough. We have had a wonderful time visiting with friends in California, Washington, Idaho, Wyoming, Colorado, Minnesota and Alabama.

Visiting and speaking at the US Center for World Missions was a highlight. To hear and see what God is doing around the world was very encouraging. I would recommend everyone purchase their book called "Perspectives." After you read it you will have a much greater understanding of the world mission's movement.

In Minnesota we had the opportunity to attend Maple Plain Community Church's missions conference. We participated in a number of their missions events and Dwight had the privilege of being their speaker on Sunday morning. His subject that morning was called "Glimpses of Glory".



Visiting the Grand Tetons in Wyoming

He spoke about the glorious things God is doing in this world to bring all peoples to Himself. Right now we see only glimpses of what God is doing, but a time is coming when we will see Him face to face and will see clearly the complete glorious work he has been doing in this world throughout the ages. What a wonderful time that will be.

In Alabama we have been able to share with many church families that partner with us. We have been greatly encouraged to see how our home church, The Church at Brook Hills, is passionate for World Missions. What a joy to be in ministry together!

However, the one thing that has blessed us more than anything else was to see and hear how you are praying for us. This knowledge alone gives us the strength and courage to continue our work.

Thank you for praying.

Financial Update

We have been encouraged by the support given to us by our ministry partners when we have shared with them the change we are making in mission agencies. So far everyone has understood why we are doing this. Please email us at dmartin@pactecasia.com or call us at 205-483-2221 if you want more information.

PLEASE NOTE: Gifts can be sent to either organization. Gifts sent to IFAP/C&MA, will be received by IFAP and forwarded to Crosswinds. Gifts sent to Crosswinds will be received by Crosswinds. Give in the way that is most convenient for you.

Please make this change as soon as possible so there are no shortages in our finances. We are trusting the Lord for \$4,500 a month to expand the ministry next year.

How to give to Crosswinds Foundation

Please make checks payable to **CROSSTIES ASIA.**

Mail checks to:

**Crosswinds Foundation
P.O. Box 12143
Birmingham, AL 35202**

For credit cards please provide Card type, Card #, Exp. Date and CVC# (3 digit code on card back) and give the information to Bob Waldrep at 205-327-8317 or email him at info@crosswind.com.

How to give to IFAP/C&MA

Please make checks payable to the **C&MA.** In the memo field please print: **D Martin/IFAP**

Mail checks to:

**IFAP
PO Box 35000
Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3500**

To set up a **monthly automatic withdrawal** go to <http://www.cmalliance.org/give/direct.jsp> and click the "Join the Program" button to download the consent form. Please put the gift amount next to "Other" and write "**D Martin/IFAP**" next to it. The transfer will take place on the 25th of each month

To give online go to <http://www.cmalliance.org/give> Select "**Support an International Worker**" for details. Where it says "Support a Missionary," put "**D Martin-IFAP**" (It looks like you are running out of room, but you aren't) and click continue. It may appear that the gift will go to the GCF, but as long as our name and IFAP are in the name box, it will go to us. Continue through the process.