

Thai Tidbits

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Four Baptisms

Almost 500 Christians from all over the country came for the October 14-19 Chumporn Family Camp down south. There were four baptisms. This was a great camp for the brethren.

I taught Colossians 2, Isaiah 53 and Daniel 7 during the camp. We divided the adult class into four small groups. I had about forty or more in my class. We looked for Jesus' characteristics in those passages and how we should respond as Christians today.

Next year's camp will be in the Northeast. The campers want to rotate around the country so that all the brethren will have the opportunity to host the camp.

Old Members Return to the Kum Hai Church

Husband and wife, Yai, 72, and Lek 63, who were converted forty-four years ago returned to place membership at the Kum Hai Church in Khon Kaen. Both were members of the church here when the work began. They moved away to do the Lord's work in various provinces before moving back.

A few years back, they decided to worship with the NongKung Church on the other side of Khon Kaen. After a few years, they missed the fellowship at the Kum Hai Church where they were born spiritually, so they came asking to place membership with us again. We are all happy that they still remember and miss the good fellowship we had, and that they want to fellowship with us again.

December 4-5 Seminar

The topic was "The Effect of Information Technology on the Church." We are studying positive and negative aspects of IT on how we as the church will get the most out of this technology. Most of the new generation of children do know how to use computers and smart phones. They know how to use all the different kinds of applications that will help them find whatever information they need.

This digital generation developed so fast that the church sometimes is lagging behind. We should use and adopt these tools for the benefit of the Lord's work as much as we can as long as it does not violate Bible principles. People communicate through Line, Facebook, Twitter, etc. They watch YouTube and video clips. World technology is changing so fast even though God's message never changes. We must find the best way to communicate with the unbelieving world.

This seminar is helping our brethren to do their best in spreading the Gospel.

Returning to Thailand

Our second son, Major Sratha, from the U.S. Army will retire from the service at age forty-four and move back to Thailand October 2019. He could stay in the Army until he is sixty but he has decided to come home and take care of his old parents and help the church. Although he may retire, he will find some other work to keep himself busy.

Sratha's wife, Yumi, a Korean, and David, his eight-year-old son will move here to Khon Kaen also. We actually never thought that Sratha would want to return to Thailand. We thought that he would continue in the Army and retire either in America or Korea, but he chooses to have an early retirement in Thailand. His decision makes us happy.

Two Baptisms in Mukdahan



Sunday December 9, Onechalerm, one of our English students in the English Bible school, visited the Mukdahan Church and taught Pimjai, 34 and Onevisa, 15. Both women became Christians and were baptized in the Mekong River located on the Thai-Laos border. The church at Mukdahan provides housing for troubled girls having problems in their life. They also provide counseling and education. There are many Thais who need help in dealing with their lives. We need more counselors.