Thai Tidbits

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Summer Family Camp Korat



April 7-11 about 430 campers came to the summer family camp hosted in the Korat Boy Scout camp. It was one of the largest camps we have had in the Northeast. Khon Kaen used to host these camps in April and October. Now there are fifteen small churches that are capable to host these camps.

I taught Deuteronomy 21:1–9 and also gave the graduation speech for the ten extension students of Khon Kaen Bible Institute. Most of the camp leaders are our former graduates and self-supported preachers in these congregations. We are seeing the fruits of our thirty years labor with the Bible school.

The KKBI Extension Bible School



This picture shows nine of the ten graduates on the left and the three teachers on the right.

Two of our graduates, Polawat and Don, were classmates at the Khon Kaen Bible Institute. They and one of our former preachers who established the church in Chumpae in Khon Kaen, Somran, got together and wanted to start the extension school for the brethren in the Chaiyaphum Province who cannot attend our Bible School in Khon Kaen. These three men persuaded the three churches to send their members to study Bible with them on Sunday afternoon. These studies have been going on for the past five years.

The Extension School graduated ten students, six men and four women. They used our curriculum and textbooks from KKBI to teach these students. Also, our former Bible School teacher, brother Anucha, went to help teach.

These ten graduates make a total of 125 graduates from KKBI. The three teachers said that they will not teach the next classes but the six men who graduated will continue their dream of training Christians in the Chaiyaphum Province. There are many current students who have not graduated yet but will in another few years.

Korat Church, a Self Supported Congregation



We began the church in Korat twenty years ago. Now there are three Bible graduates who labor there. There are about twenty-five members and they are a self-supported congregation. We stopped supporting them after three years. Since then they built their own church building with air conditioning in the auditorium.

February 10 the Korat Church invited me to visit and preach there. I was so surprised with their beautiful small church building. God is blessing them. Please continue to pray for their growth.

June 7-8 Seminar—"The tabernacle of David"

In June we will have a seminar on the topic "The tabernacle of David". This is a topic that no one has ever taught in Thailand. We only know about the tabernacle of Moses, the temple of Solomon, the first and second temples, after the exile. But we have never studied about David's tabernacle used while he was waiting for the temple to be built.