

Merry Christmas



Christmas Greetings from all of us on the **GOOD NEWS TEAM** as we rejoice together in the wonder of Christ's amazing love. Looking back on the year we do thank God for all He's done in our Team. There've been changes as some moved on to new ministry and new ones joined. Everyone wanted to send you some news ~ so here it is with our thanks for your partnership with us during the year. We often feel we're involved in something much bigger than we are. Thanks for your part in making it all happen.

From John & Nok



We've had a wonderful year in the Team, and also in Pathumthani Church, and also in Kampanget where God has brought many to Himself though miracles in their lives. We're grateful too for all the miracles God has done for young people.

We believe that next year we're entering into a new chapter of God's story and thank God for our part in His great story. Recently Prattana, who's 21, arrived unexpectedly at our Church. Her first words were, "I want to follow Jesus. How can I do that?" Then she said, "For months I've done lessons with the Good News Team. Do you know them?"

Amazing – God had led her specifically to our Church – to encourage us (and you)! Prattana said, "I learnt how to pray to Jesus. I had overwhelming problems, but Jesus answered me about each one. Finally I have peace! I know Jesus loves me. I feel I can't just ask for help and then ignore Him. I want to follow Jesus' way."

From Doi Ratanapon phoned me recently. She's only 11 but she began to photocopy our lessons so her friends can do them with her. I was so blessed to see what God is doing in this young girl and through her. Her family is Buddhist but her burden is to share Jesus. May every child who does our lessons receive salvation and also have a heart for others, like this girl.



From One I always ask God for His answers for students under my care. I print short prayers to use in different situations and God answers. **Som** phoned to tell how God has helped her since she's done our lesson. She got into a top High School. She was chosen for a university music competition overseas. She kept saying, "God is answers prayer in such simple yet awesome ways". God has done more than I could imagine. Now I'm praying for miracles for many children. Like a boy who just wrote. I'm very burdened for him. He never has money for lunch at school so all he has is water.



From NoiNon Our teaching leaflet **Susu** goes to many who love Jesus but can't go to church. Letters from them show the power of God's word to help. Also God is speaking to me re needs among thousands of children and refugees on the Thai-Laotian border. Maybe God is calling us there. Maybe He wants our Team to visit there. Please pray for God to lead us in this.

From Kenye I thank God for this year. He has truly blessed us. Many children have written telling how God has helped them through difficulties. Also with isolated groups of kids with no one else to teach them - I want to help them to grow in God's ways.



School Outreaches have been great and we're just back from Kampanget. New believers there (from CPM ministry with John & Nok) contacted schools & nearly 3000 children learnt about Jesus. A teacher wrote, "I felt God's love". A power outage in 1 school & we had to start at 1pm. Lots of prayer and a search for a generator. At exactly 1pm power came! In a school of 900, every child sat totally still and hushed to hear for the first time of Jesus.



From Jean This year each of us has taken personal care of groups of children as they enrolled and went through each lesson. I enjoy the deeper relationships we can have with children, and we see children growing spiritually as well. My prayer is for more fruitfulness for our work. **Also** our baby **FahSai** is more beautiful every day!



Charnchai wrote: As I did your lessons I told friends about Jesus. One asked why I pray. I said, "if I believe and pray Jesus will answer" He said, "I'll try that". I'm really happy as since then he has come to know Jesus too.
Pongpan wrote: I pray for my parents to know Jesus but I don't know how to explain to them. Then people came to teach about Jesus in our village and my parents listened. I'm so happy



From Narutai

I thank God for children's letters every day that tell of prayers answered. We have challenges too. I can get up to 300 new enrolments a week in my group of children! Also I help all who've made a decision to follow Jesus and want to go to church. 15-20 children a month. I get such joy serving God through these children. In our church we'll have evangelistic outreaches with tribal groups on the Thai-Burmese border in January. Exciting!



Dong + Art

From Dong In the Team I've learnt many new things and helped bring the story of Jesus to children who never knew Him. I saw how happy that made them. I saw how God answers their prayers & their faith blesses me. May more children know Jesus.

And welcome back to **Art** who rejoined us in time for Christmas outreaches. He says, "God taught me many things in the 2 years since I interned in the Team. I feel sure now of God's call to serve Him. Please pray for my wife and children too."

NEXT YEAR, PLEASE PRAY FOR

- * School outreaches in January & February
- * New SUSU program: more interaction & teaching for those who can't go to church
- * Production of a new VideoCD

PLEASE PRAY WITH US ... FOR THE TEAM'S DECEMBER PROGRAM:

- 8th: Special Christmas program in 2 schools in Chonburi (southeast Thailand) An estimated 450 children will be in this outreach. Pray with us for God's Spirit to begin something new in these children's lives
- 14th-17th: School outreaches in UthaiThani Province - our first time to this area. The schools are being contacted by a youth pastor who used to study with us
- 21st: In Supanburi – bringing the message of Christmas love in a Juvenile Detention Centre, followed by Outreaches with a Christmas theme in 2 state schools

For December in Pathumthani Church

- 12th-18th Christmas Celebration at Kampangpet
- 20th-24th Christmas Celebration in Phathumthani Church
- 25th Christmas Celebration at BangYai Night Bazaar

For December in Nonthaburi Church and FahSaiClub

- 26th All day Christmas Celebration with FahSai children and their families!

FOR REPAIRS NEEDED IN OUR TEAM BASE

The cracks on the floor of our Team base continue to spread and are getting dangerous. Its fixable, but will be expensive. Please pray with us about this need.



From Bow I enjoy our school outreaches and also writing to so many children. I've been amazed at stories from children who've had special encounters with God. has no limit. As they follow Jesus, I see that He works in and through each child.



My prayer for next year: twice as many children to meet with Jesus; outreaches in schools to be more effective and fruitful; for God to call more to serve on our Team.

This year's Cartoon Booklet was a wonderful answer to prayer. Thanks to all who prayed and gave towards this. It's now going out to thousands of Thai children.

From Jay (who has revolutionized our Team website): *I've been blessed beyond all expectations in my time with the Team and so very encouraged by testimonies and stories I've helped translate. It's been a privilege to work among people so anointed by God's Spirit and with so much passion to bring Christ to Thailand's youth. Many thanks for your support and prayers for our ever-exciting and hyperactive Team.*



From Valerie Hope you've enjoyed hearing from everyone, and meeting the new ones. For me, I've been working on my dissertation based on inter-views with people who did our lessons as children. The interviews were fun, and I'd rather do more of those! But I do need to record this information for future use - both for our Team and for others working with Thai youngsters. We've begun to implement changes based on this info. My research also highlighted how God by his power had kept children and done miracles on their behalf in times of opposition. One man, now a Pastor, said "Please thank any who prayed for me 15 yrs ago. I couldn't have endured without it." Your prayers did make a difference! As a Team we see the need to pray for miracles for each child to help them come to the Lord and grow in Him.



*Thanks for praying with us
With love and blessings to you from all the Team*