

APRIL 1ST – 9TH

To Laos, April 2nd to 8th: Kanchana and five others will teach a Kairos course for Lao believers, and ask for your prayers, for God's blessing on all they teach and also for His protection for them and all who attend this course. Last month a group of Laotian Christian villagers were forced from their homes in an effort to make them renounce their faith.

April is **Thailand's holiday month** (and the hottest month & time for water throwing festivals!) It's also a time when we get hundreds of letters coming in as all the children are on holiday from school. Each Team member asks for your prayers for God's anointing as they answer questions and give encouragement to children who want to follow Jesus. **Also in the holidays**, children

have time to read these booklets again. Pray that God continues to speak to them through these.



Some recent letters: Each child is different – some share what they learn in the lessons ...

Pae, who's 15: *I've done your lessons for a while. I'm doing lesson 6 now about the victory Jesus gives. I feel that this story is amazing and God is so amazing. He can do everything and He loves us so much.*
Kathiya: *I'm very happy that God has made me His special person and loves me like his daughter. Now I ask Him to help me at school, and help me think creatively and be close to Him.*
Kanchana: *I felt sad for Jesus. He's innocent but He endured pain to pay the price for all our sin. I do thank Him for suffering in my place. I don't know what I can do for Him, but I will try to obey Him.*
Goranok, who's 12: *I'm impressed by these lessons. They help me to know God. Now when I'm troubled, I ask for God's help and His help turns out to be exactly what I need.*

APRIL 10TH – 16TH

Team News: The Thai New Year holidays this week which means a break for all in the Team, and time with family. Several have been sick in the past two weeks, and all ask for prayer that this will be a time of refreshing physically and also spiritually.

John & Nok: Last month John was in a lot of pain because of the leukemia in his body. As we prayed God has answered again and John is much better. **He asks "Please keep praying that I'll be fully healed".**

Meantime, John continues to be totally involved in all our outreaches, and helps other Churches, as well as being Pastor of Pathumthani Church, with Nok. As well they ask for your prayers in the Church Planting ministry that God has led them into. Many house churches of new believers have been started in the north and northeast of Thailand. They're praying for many more groups to begin in both these areas.

Correspondence program: Many children write to tell about answers to prayer and it's great to see how God meets their needs so specifically. I hope these letters give some ideas of ways you can pray specifically for children studying with us. First from 2 girls, then 2 boys ...

Pondpan: *For over a year my mother had severe, chronic stomach pain. I decided to ask God to help her. From that day on the pain disappeared and she is healthy again. God's grace and love did that.*
Sunatha: *My family is poor and my health isn't good. I had no one to turn to, but I prayed and told God everything because He is like my father and my friend. He answers me every time.*
Thamarat, who's 15: *I've told God I love Him very much. I want to follow Him, and for Him to reign in my life. I do thank Him for answering my prayers and I thank you for bringing me this knowledge of God.*
Nattapong's 1st letter: *I had a serious lung disease. I was terrified. The doctor did a biopsy on my lung and then another injection. It was so painful. I was put on medication but I got worse and had to be rushed to hospital. I was so afraid, but every day in hospital I prayed to God. Finally I had another full check, and they discovered my lungs were clear of TB and all disease. The doctor was amazed and I was overjoyed. Now I truly believe in God's power to heal.*
This week Nattapong wrote again ... *I believe in Jesus and I do want to follow Him. But this month, April, my aunt says I must become a novice monk and live in the temple for about 6wks. I don't want to do it, but she is making me. What should I do? Please pray for me.*

APRIL 17TH – 23RD

School Outreach program:

The Thai school year begins mid-May. Our first week of school outreaches is from

May 23rd-27th

in Chiang Rai

Please begin to pray for our travel there, and for each school



the Team goes to. May God begin to open each child's heart and give them a hunger to know Him

Then, the next week of school outreaches is from **June 13th-17th**, and will be **in Petchaboon**.

Again, please pray for God to begin to prepare the heart of each child and teacher we meet.

Correspondence program: Many children ask for prayer as they feel overwhelmed by things in their lives. Here's some prayer requests received recently – from 3 boys and 3 girls ...

Aatapon: *Please pray for my father. He is trying to stop me going to church. I still go every Sunday anyway, but there are problems. I really want my Dad to know God.*

Sakchai: *I'm in Grade 9 but I'm not sure I'll be allowed to stay at school. Maybe my mother won't let me. Please pray for me.*

Nador, who's 13: *You always encourage me and thanks for referring me to the church. I go there every week. Many times God answers my prayers and I thank Him. But sometimes at school things aren't so good. Please keep praying for me and for my family's financial problems and their health.*

Saisee: *I finish Grade 9 soon but don't know if I can continue my education. In my family I'm the only one who believes in God. Please don't forget to pray for me. I've felt discouraged lately. I don't want to be this way. Please help me pray for my family, and pray that I'll be able to endure whatever comes.*

Aoratai: *I'm worried as I can't get all my schoolwork finished so I may fail this class. Also my father is severely ill. Please pray for him.*

Paiwan: *Every night now I pray and ask for blessing from Jesus to help overcome my problems.*

APRIL 24TH – 30TH

Special Youth Camp, 28-30 April: This is a Camp with a difference and we'd appreciate your prayers for it. Camp theme is "Love that is Immense", and the Camp aim is to give a Christian view on relationships between young teens. Thai TV and social networks have been promoting a 'new, modern freedom' among young teens, and saying they need to 'prove' their love for each other. Six churches (including Nonthaburi FahSai Club) will join together for this Camp. Please pray for Kanchana, NoiNon & Jeen, and also Doi who will help at the Camp together with leaders from the other Churches. The Camp's goal is to provide an alternative viewpoint and also help these Thai teens have better self-esteem and see themselves as people of value.

Correspondence program: Some more who wrote about answers to prayer - all connected to schooling as the main exams in Thai schools were last month. Most of these children haven't yet made a decision to follow Christ, but are starting to learn to turn to Him. From 2 boys & 3 girls

Chai: *I thought I couldn't pass my finals, but while I was taking my exam, I thought of God and asked for His help, and now I've made it through!*

Vuthichai: *Whenever I have a problem at school I've learnt to pray to Jesus and He does help me.*

Thiterat: *I've never been good at schoolwork. But now that I know about God from your lessons I feel encouraged when I study.*

Suparat: *I wasn't good at schoolwork. Others in my class did well, and I felt isolated. But now that God is with me I ask Him for wisdom. I do much better at school and my classmates are more friendly too.*

Aranya: *In our final exams I especially asked God to help me in science. In that exam I kept thinking of Jesus, and I got all the answers right! 100%. I'm so excited. I truly want to thank God.*

FINALLY, THANKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS: As you know I've been writing up research we did with Thai Christians who studied with us as children. We wanted to learn from their experience. Thanks to all who prayed as I worked on this. I wanted to let you know it's finished, and been accepted by Biola University and I now have a Doctorate in Missiology – which I still find very hard to believe! This research has shown many ways to help children who study with us. As a Team we've begun applying some of these. Our next job is to get more of these research results into Thai for the Team to use.