

## UPDATE FROM DECEMBER & JANUARY

**SCHOOL OUTREACHES:** Went very well in December, and the Christmas outreaches too. Thanks for praying. A highlight in one Supanburi school was meeting two teachers who started our lessons as children aged 10, and still get our Susu teaching and are in Churches now. News from Kampangpet (where we asked for special prayer last year) is that many children and families are seeking the Lord.

## THE REPAIRS

**Repairs have started** - thanks to a gift for all the initial costs. The flooring below is gone as the builders dig down to prepare



for new piling & new flooring. **Please pray** with us for all the funds needed for these repairs.

Everything had to be moved out for repair work – everything! We are renting rooms down the road until repairs are finished. Its hot (no air-con) and crowded & we're praying repairs will be finished quickly.



For news on the repairs and

news from recent outreaches - visit our website: <http://www.goodnewsteam.com/index.html>

## FEBRUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> – 7<sup>TH</sup>

**Correspondence program:** In the midst of all the repairs – lessons and letters keep coming. Thanks to the expertise of John and others in the Team our database is working in the new place and we can keep in contact with children. Pray for the Team though as it is hot and crowded to work there.

Its been exciting this month to receive many letters telling of answers to children's prayers ...

Answers to prayer from 2 boys and a girl:

Sarawut: My family is so poor we don't have enough for food. I asked God for a weekend job. Then my teacher asked me to do cleaning every weekend. I'm so happy - God answer my pray!!

Jaturon: I started at a new school and had no friends. Then I began to think about God. Next day a boy in my room talked to me and said "I can be your friend". I realized God helped me.

Achara: My family are market gardeners and I have to help them every day after school. So I had no time to study. Before exams most other students had extra tuition but I had to work. So I started to pray "Lord you know I have no time to study. Please help me too" After the exams I got top marks in my room, I'm very glad, and thank you God you help me.

And brief comments from 1 girl and 2 boys:

Suchavadee: I feel joyful and honoured that God loves me.

Natthapong: Even though I am a novice monk, but I know God has still chosen me!

Sorawit: The lessons helped me know that I can become a child of God. Now I feel like I have a new life, and that I am able make a decision to walk in the path of God.

## FEBRUARY 8<sup>TH</sup> – 14<sup>TH</sup>

**VCD project 2011:** We see God doing a deep work in many children. We believe we can inspire them more if we produce a VCD with testimonies from others who've done the lessons. We've received hundreds of stories of God touching lives and answering prayer and believe these stories can help children know how much God loves them and can help them. Thai TV and radio are filled with bad news, and there's a real darkness here. May this VCD bring good news to children and their families, and bring salvation to many. Sompit, a girl of 22, wrote of her family's response to the first VCD ...

"I liked the music and the song about the love God has for me. There is no greater love! Also I showed some of the dance moves to my friends. I watched it with my dad and sister. Jesus is truly a superhero for all of us.

**Correspondence program:** More letters – hope these help you in praying for different needs.

Rujira: "I am a Buddhist. Am I still able to study your lessons about Jesus? Please reply." Doi replied, and later Runjira wrote again ... "I had an argument with my friend. I didn't want her to stay angry with me so I prayed and asked Jesus for help. Later I went to talk to her and she is not mad at me now."

Anusara: She did all our lessons as a child and is now studying to be a teacher. She receives Susu and asks for prayer that she can follow Jesus, as still her family will not allow her to do so.

## FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> – 21<sup>ST</sup>

### Prayer Requests from some of the Team members

**Ganya:** There've been new enrolments and enthusiasm within my group of children. Please pray they'd continue to have this passion and thirst to learn about Christ and complete all the lessons!

**Noionon:** My prayer is for my work with Susu children who want to learn about Jesus, but many cannot go to Church. We sent out a survey and 30% of 1,100 replied to tell about their spiritual needs. Please pray for all our Susu members that they will remain in God's path. Now we do more editions of Susu for different age groups and want to be relevant to their needs.

**Jean:** Many children who study with us love to meet us in person. Pray God will help us to arrange meetings to go and visit groups of them. Then we can encourage and teach them in greater depth.

Also: please pray for our work at Nonthaburi church - for a spiritual revival and for God's strength. Also, that I may be a good wife and mother and know which ministries to be involved in as God leads

**Doi:** Please pray that my life would encourage and positively impact others in the Team. Also that God would lead us as a family. My heart is in Nonthaburi Church but we live far from there. I have a burden for young people there in FahSai. Please pray my husband Joe would share this vision.

**Jay:** It has been a very interesting year for me. I'd like to ask for God's continual wisdom and that He would continue to guide and direct me, especially in regards to my future studies.

**John and Nok:** God is expanding our Church Planting ministry as more house churches start. Our vision is to see many more start this year. Please pray for us and for more people to share this vision. Also please keep praying for John's healing. He can have a lot of joint pain at times.

**From all the Team:** Please keep praying for all the children we have contacted in school outreaches.



In a school – from left: Jay, Art, Tong, NoiNon, Ganya & Nok join together to teach a song  
Then Doi teaches Noi on the true meaning of Christmas

## FEBRUARY 22<sup>ND</sup> 28<sup>TH</sup>

**Correspondence program:** Team members continue to ask for prayer for wisdom as they answer children's questions – such as these three questions which came in at the end of last year.

- My mother makes me look after our family spirit house. I have to make the offerings and worship there every morning. It makes me afraid. My brother says if I do it wrong the spirits will be angry and punish me. Will Jesus be angry when I do this? I'm afraid He will.
- Is it all right for me to give food offerings to the monks? My mother makes me do this with her, but a girl at church told me it is a sin. Then I told my parents I didn't want to worship or make offerings to the idols and they were very upset. My mother cried.
- I was in Grade 11 when I believed in Jesus, but wasn't allowed to go to church. This year I came to the city for university and go to church here every week. My parents asked what I did on Sunday. I said I did homework. Now I feel bad because I lied to them but I want to go to church. Can you advise me what I should do?



### And two answers to prayer from children:

Prapasiri: I just did my 4<sup>th</sup> lesson. Jesus touched my heart with the stories where He healed the leper, the blind. Now I pray to Him. He strengthens me and I got first in the district science fair.

Sasama: I'm impressed with God. A man came to sell necklaces in our class. He said it was for charity. Others bought, but suddenly I didn't want to. Later we heard he was tricking us. I knew God helped me.