

## FLOOD NEWS & TEAM NEWS



The flooding continues and is still severe in 26 provinces across central, northern and north-eastern Thailand. Over 520 people have died in the floods – mostly children.

Tens of thousands have been evacuated by the army from their homes and are in temporary shelters. Those trying to stay in their homes face rogue boat operators who've shot rivals and put in road spikes to stop vans picking up people. Plus exorbitant charges of up to 500 Thai baht for a short boat ride from flooded communities out to main roads.

### TEAM MEMBERS WHOSE HOMES ARE FLOODED OUT:

- \* Narutai & her family are surrounded by deep flooding. Narutai has been unwell but her husband and daughter (in her 20's) are able to get out by boat for supplies that they need.
- \* Art & his young family were flooded out 3 weeks ago. They stayed for 2 weeks at the Team office and are now staying at FahSai house.
- \* Wan(One) and Bow: Both had to move out and are staying with relatives in non-flooded areas.
- \* Doi & her family were also in the Team office and then stayed at FahSai house. They are now back in their home for 4 days to check the situation there and give help to others in their community. (getting to their home took most of one day – travelling on army trucks and then by boat )

### TEAM MEMBERS WHOSE HOMES ARE NOT AFFECTED BY FLOODS:

- \* NoiNon, Jeen and Kanchana who are at FahSai House. Their home remains dry and has become a refuge for Art's family, Doi's family and also three from Kanchana's family.
- \* Ganya has no flooding in her area. Dang has some water in his area but not deep flooding.

**PLEASE PRAY:** For all who had to leave their homes and are still unable to return. **ALSO**, protection and good health for all Team members helping with flood relief projects – details on the next page.

**ALSO** - for continued protection for FahSai House and for God's blessing on all sheltering there.

**FROM VALERIE:** I'd planned to come to NZ for the A/G Pastor's Conference starting Oct.31<sup>st</sup> and got to the Airport okay for that. I'll be here till after Christmas. Lorraine was in ChiangMai and came back briefly to Bangkok (to face chest-level water round our apartment!) and is now returning to NZ

### AND WHAT ABOUT THE TEAM'S OFFICE BASE?



Here it is - on Nov.4<sup>th</sup>, with Art outside our gate. Some water has seeped inside but a barricade built by NoiNon, Art & Dang has kept most water out. Everything that could be lifted is now on the second floor.

The Army has ordered



everyone to evacuate from this area (about the same time our office toilets stopped working)!

### PLEASE PRAY:

- That no more water will get into our Team base.
- That the thousands of lessons and booklets in here will all remain dry and be undamaged.
- That no long-term damage is caused by all this water, which may sit there for several weeks.

## AND WHAT ABOUT THIS YEAR'S CHILDREN'S BOOKLET:

We had received a good 'proof' copy from the printer, and printing was going to start. But that night water came into their area and was soon over a meter deep. They managed to keep their machines dry but can't start printing until the water goes down – probably next month. Now we can see God's hand in it all. We don't need the booklets yet - can't distribute them! Nor do we have the problem of where to find a dry place to store the 150,000 copies to be printed of this booklet.

## WHAT IS THE TEAM NOT ABLE TO DO THIS MONTH?

- Can't operate from our Team Base
- Can't do any work with the Correspondence program – the Post Office stopped functioning late in October. They say it will be 2 or 3 weeks before they start operating again.
- Can't make contact with most of the children in the correspondence program.
- Can't go to any schools – most won't be able to open for several more weeks.

## PRAYER NEEDS:

Please continue to pray for all the children studying with us who live in flooded areas –

And pray for God's protection for them and their families.

Please pray too that each child will put their trust in God and keep turning to Him during this time.

## WHAT HAS THE TEAM STARTED DOING THIS MONTH - WILL KEEP DOING?



First, as they've heard of needy areas they have bought food and water to take in for those people. Each trip involves a series of army trucks, and then a hired boat to get into isolated communities. One expedition was to Art's area where about 15 families are staying to protect their homes.

◀ NoiNon, Doi, Art & his wife Na, Kanchana and Dang waiting for a truck after visiting a community - and distributing from a boat ▼



World Outreach has helped provide Lifestraw units through which flood water can be filtered for a household. Nok and Peter(Pum) explain the use of a unit as they distribute them ▼



Kanchana, NoiNon and others in the Team are also distributing these units to people who're isolated by the floods and have no access to clean water.

**As well**, all in FahSai House are visiting children's shelters - taking food & giving emotional support thru games and time with them. **And thanks** to all who've given towards such special needs.

**PLEASE PRAY:** For all Team members during this very challenging month. They're asking for God's encouragement, strength, guidance & protection and keep saying "please thank all who pray for us"