




If one Christmas tree is good are two better? Here in Thailand a profusion of Christmas trees are appearing everywhere – in shops, schools, hospitals and offices – as people prepare for their Christmas celebration to be held on December 31st! Yes confusion reigns and in all these places many people have never heard of Jesus and have no idea that Christmas has anything to do with Him.

This December (and going through until January) our Team is seeking to meet this challenge through Christmas programs in many Thai schools. Please pray with us for many children to receive the love of Jesus as shown in the Christmas story.



FROM TEAM MEMBERS - SOME HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2012

Noion - Our latest children's booklet was my challenge. At first I was the only one who knew how to do artwork. I felt overwhelmed. But all the Team began to help each other write stories. Others began to help with artwork. Nuum (a young guy who came to Jesus in FahSai Club) did 2months job experience in the Team. And guess what? We found he is an excellent cartoonist, and fast too. So finally I didn't work alone. It was a 'miracle booklet' so we named it "Amazing, miraculous love" as you'll see on this cover  I believe many children will fall in love with Jesus through this booklet ... let's say at least 500. Amen!

Celebrating the completion of our booklet (& my birthday)



Jeen - Children write with many questions – such as “How do I believe in Jesus?”, or “If I'm Buddhist is it wrong if I believe in God?” They ask about problems in family, school or their own lives. We seek to build relationships, and give love, faith, encouragement as well as advice. It's challenging but fulfilling and I enjoy it very much

Next year: In our follow-up I want to work more with local churches to help children get to church; extend our use of Facebook and also try to get our lessons online. *That's all.*

Plus!! NoiNon and I are expecting our second child in May

Dang - I thank God for all I've learnt this year in training seminars and in our work – especially in schools where I saw God change kids as I prayed for them. Also He gave me courage to tell of His love to hundreds in some schools. As I heard of amazing things God is doing for children that increased my passion to bring God's love to Thai children – including those I teach in a slum area. God has given me a burden to bring love to those from broken homes (as I am).

Ganya - School outreaches are a big part of our vision. This year we reached nearly 20,000 children in over 40 schools in 7 provinces. Up to 90% hadn't heard before of Jesus. As we taught about Jesus, teachers often said they were amazed at how intently the children listened. I saw that children were especially interested when we told how Jesus can give freedom from fear of evil spirits. Please pray we'll have all we need to go to even more schools next year.

Fon - I joined the Team in November. I used to be just drifting with no goals and quite spoilt. Now, as a Christian, God is centre of my life - not me. Now I do have a goal which is to live for Jesus. I gained confidence last week in school programs. I had never seen such needy kids before. I want to be part of God's plan to bring His love to them

Corin - I'm really glad to be in the Team. I love helping at Camps. Posting our booklets to all Thai state schools is also exciting for me. With the booklets we send extra enrolment forms for children to do our lessons. Till now I've seen that in Thailand there can be opposition to Christian things. Instead I pray ALL the schools accept our booklets and let children read them. I've been to about 15 school outreaches now. I always think “what will God do here”. It's exciting work for me

Doi - My special challenge was when we led a Workshop on children's ministry at a nationwide Youth Camp in October. We gave practical training and shared our Team's vision with the 70+ teens in our workshop. We challenged them to take up the vision & ask God for a heart to reach children in their area who don't know Jesus. Many responded. Last night of Camp more than a hundred dedicated their lives to serve God. What a privilege for us to join in praying for each one.





DECEMBER/ JANUARY PROGRAM:

School outreaches with a Christmas program

We began using our Christmas program in the last week of November and will continue to bring this message go through until mid-January.

Please pray that every Team member will have a fresh anointing and strength for each school and may children see God's love and joy in them.

Also pray for God to prepare the heart of each child to help them understand and respond to God's love.



OTHER PRAYER NEEDS:

Children doing our Correspondence Lessons: During November the number of lessons being sent in more than doubled from the previous month. This increase is continuing in December. Here are some of those November letters Hope they can help as a prayer guide for all the children they represent ...

Wanipa (girl, 12): *I want to learn more about God. I hope you have more lessons. I'm Buddhist, but wonder can I also believe in God? My grades are higher since I asked God to help. I love God. I'm glad I can talk to Him.*

Surak (boy, 13): *I think I'm the luckiest boy in the world because I can do your lessons and learn about God. He gave me the privilege to be His son. I'm so glad.*

Supa (girl, 10): *My behavior is much better since I've believed in God's love. I tried to be less rebellious and I was able to do it! I had many problems and when I asked God for help He helped me in all of them.*

Sierus (boy, 15): *I live in a very messy, chaotic situation but I always feel better when I get a letter from you. I feel you know my heart. I pray God will give me a friend like Jesus. I do hope He answers.*

Sincee (girl, 12): *During my problems I would pray. Not all the time. But there were definitely many situations where I can say God helped me.*

Thanwa (boy, 14): *I used think I was no good. I was very bound up in my thinking. Then I turned to Jesus and now He is my saviour. I don't brood or get depressed now because I know someone loves me so much.*



Please continue to pray for each child doing our lessons and also for Team members as they mark the lessons and reply to each child.

The new booklet: We printed 150,000 copies and will start distributing these from mid-December in school outreaches. We'll also send them out in mail-outs to all Thai state schools. Please pray that school principals will be happy to put these booklets in their school libraries. Also pray for each child who receives one of these booklets.

FahSai House: An update from Kanchana, NoiNon, Jeen and Doi: Many of our FahSai children are now teenagers. We have a core group of 25 (13 teens/12 children) who want to know Jesus (8 come to all prayer meetings). We feel this group is special and are praying for wisdom to help each one truly know and follow Jesus. We've also started 2 sports teams for them – badminton & soccer.

In January we'll have a weekend camp for all the FahSai children.

Please pray for all who attend Camp and for us as leaders. We do need God's anointing and guidance.



From Valerie: Thanks for joining with us in prayer throughout this year. We, as a Team, pray for you too and our prayer for you now is that you may have time to reflect on the incredible love God shows us through Christmas and receive more of that love.

Also I do appreciate your prayers for me over these past few months. God is faithful. My knee is recovering well now from the surgery. I'll be in NZ from December 17th till early March (at 13 Greenwood Place, Paraparaumu) and working with family to clear things from my Mum's estate and also hoping to visit some of our supporting churches.

May God bless you with His joy and peace. With love, from *Valerie and the Team*

