

April 2013 Prayer News

Thanks for Praying: It was a very special time for all who attended. The emphasis was on being 'family together' and helping each other in each part of their lives. The children and teens joined in praying for each other as they seek to follow Jesus in their communities.

For Children who wrote last month

One was Gaevalin (12) who wrote how Jesus' love impacts her.

This month ... I think Jesus had to die on the cross because of our sins and because He really loves us and its how He helps us be saved from our sins. I've done wrong things so I'm very moved by His love.

April 1st - 7th

Correspondence Lessons

Each child has different reactions to what they learn, as God teaches them in ways that are specific to their needs - such as these three boys (all aged 10) as well as these two girls.

Vicheer (10): *I am so happy to know that I am a special person in God's eyes.*

Nitinan (10): *My parents were arguing so I started to pray and ask God to help. When I finished praying, mum and dad came in and hugged me for no reason! I was so happy.*

Karuda (10): *I'm very glad to know that it is Jesus who can rescue us from hell.*

Vidapond (13): *When I prayed to God I asked for many things and He's answered all my prayers!*

Chamaipond (11): *I am so happy to know Jesus is with me and loves me. I love Him very much.*

April 8st - 13th

Correspondence Lessons

The letters from these five girls represent many of the letters we receive. Many have connected with the correspondence staff on a personal level. They often writes to share their experience, while others ask for prayers and advice.

Chuleepond (11): *I'm really impressed with the lessons and I've enjoyed each one you sent because each one is filled with Jesus' teachings and full of meaning. I think these are things that can benefit our lives.*

Pontip (12): *My problem was when my parents got divorced. But now I know it's no accident I came to live with my grandmother as she follows Jesus and I'm happy here. God gives to us -He helps us even if we're not good.*

Vichuda (13): *Because Jesus loves me I want to give back to Him by loving others more and more.*

Narumon (13): *God helped me know that even when I have no one around, I still have God who loves us.*

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Here are the youth camps for this month

1st to 5th April - Youth camp at Uttaradit

For Teens from a big group of Churches in north Thailand. **Corin** has been asked to be camp leader there. Please pray for him. He asks for God's anointing in all his teaching and in all the activities he leads, and please pray for all the teens he will work with there.

3rd to 5th April – "Youth Challenge Camp" with YFC at Nakorn Nayok

Dang will be a youth leader at this Camp, and **Fon** will help there on the 5th. Both ask for your prayers for all they share at Camp.

*** Please pray for Team members as they respond to each letter – they ask for God's wisdom in this.**

Continuing Results from Schools in

Mahasarakam:

After these outreaches 150 children enrolled to do our lessons. Then in March another 800 plus children reached in these schools have asked to start the lessons. We are aware God is doing something special in that area. Please keep praying.

← **Sara (13):** *I am worried because my parents fight and are going to get a divorce. Can you pray for them to love each other again and not divorce; also that my Dad won't visit his mistress - may he be a strong man of God; also for my Mum not to think about committing suicide. I really want my parents back.*

April 14th - 20th

Team News The Thai New Year is from the 12th to 16th – so it's holiday time for the Team. Please pray that it will be a good time of relaxing and refreshing for each one. Also please pray for us along the lines requested in this account from John & Karen Crawshaw who recently spent 2 days with the Team.



Correspondence Lessons : From 5 boys, with ages ranging from 9 to 19. All are in Buddhist families, but have a desire to learn about Jesus. Please pray for them and all in similar situations.

Darontorn (9): I was chosen to represent my school in a Thai language competition. I was nervous and got questions wrong. Then I thought of Jesus. After that I was able to answer most questions correctly!

Nopakit (12): I really enjoyed your lesson about prayer. One thing I prayed was that God won't be too troubled because of all our prayers.

Thamanoon (15): I think it's very good that each one of us can have God by our side. So we don't have to be afraid when problems come.

Ponlawat (15): I feel bad for Jesus that He had to die on the cross to take our place. So I want to be a better person by following Jesus' teachings and obeying my parents. I will try to finish all the lessons because I really want to know more about Jesus.

"Spending time with the Good News team is inspiring. Listening to them talk and watching them pray and work, you see a group of people that is deeply, faithfully and passionately committed to sharing the Good News of Jesus with the children and young people of Thailand. You are aware that they are directly in connection with literally thousands of children across the country — ministering to them in schools, communicating with them back and forward through the correspondence course, disciplining them through clubs and studies and camps. Yet, of course, the team members are ordinary people who face normal challenges — balancing family life and ministry demands; families who are unhappy they are involved in the Good News Team; tight budgets; worries, weaknesses and fears. Pray for them — that they will prioritise staying close to God, for God's continued anointing and fruitfulness on their ministry, for His provision and protection as serve Him. Pray also for the children — that they will enter the kingdom of God." - John Crawshaw

→ **Chaiya (19):** My childhood memories are sad. I wanted a warm, loving family but I felt my father never loved me because he's always been on drugs. So my family often had no money to pay for my schooling and I'd get discouraged. My last exams were very stressful - I'd been made leader for the student body and I have to look after most things in my family - all of it was just overwhelming. So I asked God to help and I finished the exam without cheating even though most classmates sent answers to each other. I passed in most subjects but in some I was just under the pass mark but the others all had high scores. I felt discouraged but then felt a voice whispering "I am pleased that you were honest". So I asked God that I'd somehow get a B pass average on those exams. And He did. I think God loves me very much. In the future I want to learn English and be able to take care of orphans.

April 21st - 30th

Yearly Cartoon Booklet

We are starting early on our preparation for this year's Booklet and will this week we will pray and talk together about the Booklet's theme and what the main stories should be, etc. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom for each Team member in this.

→ **Chantong (15):** I am very happy that I can study your lessons because I receive strength from the God's word that I learn with you.

→ **Suparat (16):** I know now I have more value than I'd realized. I feel I have a God who can help and protect me if I'm in trouble. Now I really want my parents and everyone in the village to know God.

Children's Response to the Lessons These girls have written to tell us how their lives have been transformed as they progress through the course and make that personal connection with God.

Keawta (16): I used to wonder where our spirits go when we die, and how we can live in heaven because I see no houses in the sky. I wasn't sure if heaven was real or not. Thank you for your lessons. As I've done them I've begun to understand and believe that when we die we will go to be with Jesus.

Supamas (17): I'm thankful to God for your lessons. Sometime ago I made a huge mistake but I didn't want to tell anyone because I was afraid. But as I did your lessons something in my heart made me feel sure God can forgive me, and gave me the courage to confess what I did. I am glad nothing bad happened after I told the truth. I'm very thankful to God and to you!

Phebe (14): Before I knew God, I had many problems. Now that I know Him I ask Him to help me. I am much more at peace now.