

# The McClain Family

## Missionaries to Thailand



June 26, 2014

Dear Pastor and Praying Friends,

We want to thank you for your faithful support and prayers for our family and ministry here in Thailand!

Thank you for praying for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual English Camp from April 2-6. We praise the Lord that we had around 75 Thai youth and adults that came to the camp. During these days we not only taught English but we had several Thai Christians give their testimonies and we had 2 preaching services a day and were able to present the Gospel of Jesus Christ to them. For the majority of them this was the first time that they have had an opportunity to hear a clear presentation of the Gospel and we praise the Lord that around 15 campers not only listened to the Gospel but responded to the Gospel and received Jesus Christ as their Saviour! Plus a lot of the campers are asking us questions about the Bible, the Gospel, and Jesus etc. We are reminded that before we can have a harvest, there must be the sowing of the seed, the watering of the seed, and then God will give the increase. There were only a few campers that came from the greater Chiang Mai area but there were a lot that came from the Lampang area and several of these have been coming to church. Please pray for these as some of them have already faced various struggles with coming to church etc, also pray as we are following up these campers.

Also from April 14-17 even though we were not able to get the families of the Thai kids that are learning English with us at the church to go with us, we still went with the church to the Thai Independent Baptist Church camp. Around 12 Thai Independent Baptist Churches from across the country came and there was around 125-150 people there. God once again did a work among His people, around 4 people made a profession of faith, and others gave testimonies of things that God has done in their lives. It is encouraging to go this yearly church camp because even though it takes time for Thai people to respond to the Gospel and grow spiritually, this camp reminds us that God is still doing a work throughout the country.

We praise the Lord that for the most part over the past couple of months that all of us have not been really sick that often and we have been able to faithfully continue teaching almost every week our English classes, Sunday School, Bible study, and I have also preached several times over the past couple of months here in Chiang Mai and in Lampang. I have also just started using a different method in teaching English, where I am using a Creation to Christ Bible study and I am explaining it also in Thai to help the students understand it better, so I am looking forward to God also using this to continue working in the hearts and building the faith of our English students.

Also since our last prayer letter I have been able to continue having the Bible study with Paul. He has told me several times that with us studying the Bible together, that it is helping him in his understanding about God, Jesus, Salvation, and has given him several things to think over.....

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On Monday we were studying about what Jesus has said about life after death and it seems that he is getting a better understanding of this and is accepting that there really is life after death. This is one of the things that can be hard for some Thai people to understand and accept because Buddhism teaches reincarnation and once you have possibly done enough good, then you may reach nirvana, which is when a person ceases to exist anymore. Another reason why it is hard for some Thai and other Asian people to accept the doctrine of Heaven and Hell is because some of them wonder if it is fair for them to get to go and enjoy everything about heaven, while their lost family members are still going through the trials, burdens, and pains of this life and will go to hell and suffer there at the end of this life, if they do not get saved. And also, if it is fair for them to be in heaven while their lost ancestors are more than likely in hell. When I come across this I try to explain to them that God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and just as God has worked in their soul that God works the same way in everybody's soul and each person has to decide for themselves if they are going to accept or reject Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour. So hopefully you can see that satan has blinded many of the peoples' eyes here in Thailand and throughout Asia but thanks be to God that Jesus is victorious over satan, and has given us the glorious light of the Gospel to give light to them that are blinded by satan and sit in spiritual darkness. Please continue to pray for us to have wisdom in my preaching and for Evelyn and myself as we continue teaching English, our Bible study, Sunday School, as I continue teaching and going through the Bible College curriculum with Apisit and Sumet and that God will open more doors for us to proclaim His love for all people.

Also pray as I am in the process of completing all of the paperwork to extend our missionary visa and work permit for another year. As many of you know there was a military coup about a month ago here in Thailand so I am not sure if this will affect the processing of our paperwork. But please pray that we will be able to extend our visa and work permit without any complications before our current one runs out in September.

For the Millions of Untold Souls in Thailand,

*Brian, Evelyn, Ruth, and Rachel McClain*

**\*\*Please notice our updated mailing address below, but please continue to send all financial support and love offerings to Macedonia World Baptist Missions. Thank You\*\***

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Group Picture at the English Camp in April 2014



Two of the classes that we taught during the English Camp



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