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Dear Friends

Greetings from the church in Wang Daeng. Things are moving along albeit slowly here. At this time of year the schools are closed and many of the children and teenagers are away to be with their families. The weather is extremely hot, already creeping up to almost 40C on some days. And whilst the rest of the world is 'living with Covid', our village is still on high alert.

During the Thai summer, church services, care groups and most of our activities are still continuing but with fewer people. Moses has been doing evangelism training with our congregation and they seem really enthusiastic to begin to pray for their friends and family to come to faith. One of our teens has already shared with her friend and seen her accept Christ. We have also been delighted to discover another believer, Pa Lah, in the village next to ours and she has begun joining us on a Sunday morning.

At the beginning of April, Moses, Mary and family, and some other members of our congregation got Covid, so everything had to go online. Fortunately they were released from quarantine in time to celebrate the festivals of Songkran - Thai New Year - and Easter. Due to the pandemic the government has banned any large gatherings, so Songkran this year was very low key without all the usual water-throwing fun. However, as a church we celebrated in the more traditional way by blessing the elderly, pouring water on their hands and saying a prayer of blessing for them and their families. We also gifted them with a bag of fresh eggs. Altogether we visited ten people aged 80 and above, the eldest of whom was 97 years' old. They were all so lovely and welcoming, and they felt really honoured and special that we had chosen to visit them.



At the beginning of April we had the joy of attending our nephew Jack's wedding to his lovely wife Bell, in Bangkok. Wit was the officiant at the ceremony, which was such a special occasion. It was nice to be able to catch up with many family members from Bangkok and Chiang Mai, as well as church friends.

Unfortunately, Wit's mum had Covid and was unable to attend the wedding. In fact now her condition is quite serious and she is currently in hospital with a lung infection and breathing difficulties. Please pray.



For Easter this year, we had sunrise service in our driveway on the Sunday morning, followed by breakfast. We then split up into three teams to give out bags of eggs to people that we know around the village. We shared the message of Easter with all of the families that we visited. Suree's daughter-in-law (widow of her son who died last year) was there with her new partner, and afterwards they both accepted Christ. Som and Tiw decided, there and then, that they wanted to get rid of all of their idols and amulets, which they did the following day - Praise God!



After much prayer and exploration we have found our new location in the village of Tao Hai about 16km from Wang Daeng. We plan to move in at the beginning of May and to begin a survey of the felt needs of the community. We will also visit the local school and volunteer Helen's services there for when we return from Home Assignment in July. Moses, Mary and Fluk are now ready to fully take over the leadership of the church in Wang Daeng and are very enthusiastic about this role. Both the church and the local community have already taken them to their hearts.

Please pray for our move to the village of Tao Hai. Pray that God would lead us to the people of peace and would guide us in all we say and do.

Pray for Moses, Mary and Fluk as they take over the day to day running of things in Wang Daeng. Pray for patience and wisdom.

Pray for all of our believers to grow in faith, love and unity. Pray that they would be bold to share their faith.

Pray for our new believers to begin doing Bible study.

Pray for us as we prepare to go on our Home Assignment at the end of May.

Blessings in Christ

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