

Tidings from Thailand

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Dear Family and Friends,

Even in the midst of an uncertain world situation, we continue to press forward with life and ministry here in Thailand. Here is what's been happening with us recently:

Sowing and Reaping in Sunday School

A few weeks ago at our Thai church, I (Sun) was teaching Sunday school about one of the fruits of the Spirit: faithfulness (Gal 5:22-23). I illustrated the concept by sharing the story of Zacchaeus who was faithful to align his lifestyle to the teachings of Jesus by being honest. Zacchaeus knew he had grown prosperous by charging more taxes than he should have and by pocketing the difference. So when the onlookers began to complain how unbecoming it was that Jesus would go stay at the house of a "sinner", [namely, his house], he had to confront the issue. Right then and there, Zacchaeus told Jesus he was willing to give half of his possessions to the poor and to repay four times whatever he cheated anyone (Luke 19:1-10). By his actions, Zacchaeus showed Jesus that he wanted to be a little "Christ" (Acts. 11:26).

In what way do you want to show your faithfulness to Jesus this week? To this question, the six students shared their responses: to not show favoritism, to be more obedient to my mom, to help with caring for my baby brothers, etc. One student who clearly and verbally said he was not ready to follow Jesus six months earlier said that he wanted to put his trust in Jesus. Praise the Lord! I shared this good news with the other Sunday school teachers, who also found it encouraging. Please pray he will truly be faithful to Jesus in his day-to-day living, and understand what faith, repentance, and trusting Christ really mean.

Family Group at Chiang Mai Grace Church

This year, Sun and I (Karl) are working with a Thai couple to lead the young families group at Grace Church Chiang Mai. We really want to help parents to acquire the desire and skills to disciple their children. When our group got together this past month, we practiced an easy method

to read the Bible together as a family each day. In future sessions, we will learn about praying together as a family, asking for forgiveness in the family, kids and devices/screen addiction, etc. Sunday worship is essential but kids only receive so much by coming to gathered worship once per week. Daily discipleship in the family is essential. Pray for us, and for the families at Chiang Mai Grace Church as we learn and fellowship together this year.

Thai Church History Book Project and Videos

The school year at Chiang Mai Theological Seminary recently came to a close and I (Karl) am on break until June. But that doesn't mean time off. I am pushing through a mountain of grading from this past semester with the aim of moving on to my book project. A missionary colleague and I are researching and writing a new one-volume Thai church history survey book. Our goal is to see it published in English and Thai in time for the 200th anniversary of Protestantism in Thailand in 2028. There is a lot of work to be done between now and then. As such, I want to pour a lot of time into reading, research, interviews, and writing while the seminary is out of session. Please pray that I can make some solid progress over the next few months. If this book comes out well, it could be a key resource for missionaries and Thai seminaries for years to come.

One of my main reasons for writing books, articles, blogs, etc. is to help fellow missionaries, mission supporters, and Thai Christians to gain knowledge and insights for effective ministry and Christian living. But not everyone enjoys reading or has time to read. With that in mind, I've recently done some videos, with more to come. In March, I sat down with my seminary and OMF colleague Larry Dinkins who has been doing ministry with Thai people since 1980. You can find my interview with him on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dkT03ql6jg&t=1994s> or search for "46 Years of Ministry with Thai People: An Interview with Larry Dinkins"

Thank you for praying for us and the Thai people.

by Christ's grace,
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PRAYER POINTS

- Health and Provision in the midst of Fuel Uncertainty and Air Pollution
- Discipline for Karl to focus on writing Thai church history book
- Joshua and Caitlin start at local university in Chiang Mai in June 2026
- May God open hearts of people in Thailand to the gospel and build His church

PRAISE GOD

- Kids hearing the Gospel at Grace Church Chiang Mai
- Completion of another school term at Chiang Mai Theological Seminary
- Good financial support level during first quarter of 2026

