

PRAY FOR THAILAND

"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few.

Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."

Matthew 9:37-38

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Teacher's Appreciation Day(วันไหว้ครู Wan Wai Kruu)



The วันไหว้ครู /*Wan Wai Kruu*/ or **Teachers' Appreciation Day**, which is held shortly after the beginning of the term, on the first Thursday of June, as for Thais, Thursday is traditionally the day of wisdom and teachers. It's first time for Paul to be part of this ceremony. Each class prepared two flower trays a week ahead. In all the Thai schools, from kindergarten to universities and colleges, teachers are honored and highly respected. ครู/*kruu*/ in Thai is 'teacher,' which means *heavy in duty or responsibility*.

During the "**Wai Kruu ceremony**" the children crawled up to the teachers on their knees, heads down, and presented their teachers with flower tray with candles and incense. The Students would recite the wai kruu chant, which expresses respect for, and gratitude to the teachers, and asks for the teachers' blessing of their studies. Paul had this opportunity to lay hands on each of the student that brought flowers to him and prayed over their lives. Paul was troubled to see students crawling on their knees with heads bowed worshipping their teachers. But in his heart, Paul prayed and gave praise and glory to God alone.

The flower trays given to the teachers have three specific flowers in them:

1. ดอกเข็ม (**ixora**) symbolizing wit.
2. ดอกมะเขือ (**eggplant flowers**) symbolizing respect.
3. หญ้าแพรก [**yâa prâek**] (**Burmuda Grass ; Wire Grass ; Dub Grass**) symbolizing respect perseverance.



SAVED FROM MINOR ACCIDENT

Mondo family had an accident on the 23rd August 2018. It was raining and dark that afternoon, while Paul was driving back home from church with Nancy and Nimbine. They were crossing at a junction leading to main road, and about to take their lane. A young man carelessly riding motorcycle on speed and bumped onto the right

side of the ministry car and slide over. The vehicle sustained minor holes and scratches on the bumper and bonnet and bends. The motor rider also sustained injuries. Three of them were safe. They were shocked at the big bang on the car and thought the accident would have been fatal, but it was God's Hand they saw that moment. Thank you for those who have prayed protection over the lives and ministry the missionary family. The Heaven has been watching over them.

The God in whom we trust and serve keeps us in His shadows, and He delivers us from all the snares of the enemy. Psalms 91.

BANTHAWAI HOME CHURCH PROJECT UPDATE



The Banthawai Home Church worship room extension has begun in August and is progressing well. The roofing and outside walls are completed and the walls inside the two rooms are broken down. Pray for the financial needs for the completion of this project.

ONE YEAR VISAS & PASSPORT ALL SET



Applying for long term visa in Thailand being a citizen of Papua New Guinea is not always easy. A chief of staff at the labor office in Chiang Mai told Paul that it was his first time to approve for a one year visa to a Papua New Guinean in Chiang Mai province. Mondo Family saw God's hand in their visas and passports applications this year. At the end of August Paul was granted a one year Thai Volunteer Visa. Nancy was also granted a one year Thai

Volunteer Visa, and Nimbine's Passport was well received. Mondos are all set and looking forward to another year of serving in God's harvest field in Thailand. Thank you all our prayer partners who have been praying for the passports and visas.

Paul's Buddhist Music Teacher Friend was Given a Thai Bible!



Prayers work! After much prayer, Paul was inviting his 26 year old Buddhist music teacher friend, Kajhonekeat to join the free conversation English class at the Banthawai Home Church. He accepted the invitation and began attending the English class at the Church. On the 05/09/2018, Paul and his students were at the church for English class and Paul was

praying over the lives of students, who were not well. After the prayer, one of the church leader shared briefly about Christ to Kajhonekeat and presented a Thai Bible to him and encouraged him to read and learn about what Christians are believing. Your prayers affect and open his heart to listen to the Good News of the Lord Jesus for the first time! Since he has a Bible now, pray that the Spirit of God will prompt him to read God's Word with convictions.

Prayer Needs

1. Pray for Vision 2020 and beyond. Pray that God will continue to use local Thai Christian in much greater way to expand the church planting and evangelism ministry through Thailand. Pray that missions counter funding be made available in His timing to construct many new church buildings that the house churches will have permanent places of worship.
2. Pray for the Banthawai House Church that God will avail enough funds to complete the project.
3. Pray for Paul, Nancy and Nimbine. The Lord may continue to use the missionary family to be a blessing to the people of Thailand. Pray that an opportunity be made available for Paul to learn to read and write and speak Thai. Paul understand and speak very little Thai and it's an everyday challenge facing and teaching English to students who cannot speak and understand English.



*Pray growth, health,
strength and blessings
upon the life of little
NIMBINE as she will be
turning one year older
on the 5th of October 2018.*

Giving Information

If you would like to partner with us in our work in Thailand, please let us know. Financial contributions can be made to PNGSHM mission's account. For details contact;

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Thank you and God bless.

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