



Lambert Family Update April 2011

It has always been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ has not been named" (Romans 15:20)

Dear Friends and Family,

Exciting news. Since our last newsletter, some exciting things have happened! We've been praying and searching for a ministry partner, and God has blessed us! Let us introduce you to our new full time ministry partner, Phichai! He was once ordained as a Buddhist monk and is now an on-fire believer. He has a great testimony and has served in ministries such as Campus Crusade and Feed the Children Thailand, but his heart has always been to bring the Gospel to his Thai people. **By financially supporting Phichai and his family, we're able to help and encourage one another as we take the Gospel to the Thai people.** Our ultimate goal is to empower and release Phichai and other young men like him in their calling as evangelists to their people.

We've already been encouraged by what we're seeing. The Lord has taken us deeper in prayer and made us bolder in sharing. On our first day together, we went to the mountain and climbed the 309 steps to Doi Suteep, our city's principle Buddhist temple that overlooks the city. On this mountain there's an annual buffalo blood sacrifice, and throughout the year thousands

upon thousands come to worship idols. We went to pray together for our city, and we took authority over those spirits that were deceiving the people.

As we came down, the Lord gave us a few open doors to share the Gospel with idol shop owners and others. We went to the gates of our city together to pray and share the Gospel, as well as to the streets known for bars and prostitution. Since then, we've met many others and have been able to share the Gospel with them. Most had never heard a clear presentation of the work of Jesus and how it's relevant for them. We're preparing to take the message of the Kingdom of God to Chiang Mai and beyond from our "Revolutionary Life" base.

A connection confirmed. We've just been approved

to work under the Christian Outreach Centre Foundation here in Thailand! We're so pleased to connect with this awesome Spirit-filled network, and we're already seeing how we can contribute to the ongoing success of the ministry. **I recently finished another web site for the team: www.thehavenproject.net, which chronicles the ongoing work of supporting widows, orphans, the vulnerable, and the poor here in Asia.** We look forward to supporting these worthy ministries in any way we can.

A new friendship. Our church hosted the Empower Asia conference where we met up with other like-minded people from many other nations. One man made a profound impact on us all: Randeep Matthews is a young apostolic leader from India. He started among an unreached people group and now leads over 7,600 house churches there! I learned so much from him and made a new friend for life. During the conference God touched, empowered, and shook many people to the core. **Jacqueline and I also received a word from Randeep about a coming season of great fruitfulness!** It was a powerful experience for us and for our friends.

Taking it to the streets. After the conference, we attended a prayer meeting with Thai, Burmese, European, Australian and American believers. The electricity was out, so we prayed and worshiped outside. We had an awesome time of breakthrough that night! We took to the streets to prayer-walk the local neighborhood near the church, and we prayed for God to move in our community like never before. We declared God's authority over the many



Meet Phichai, our new full-time partner!



Our new friend Randeep Matthews.



This is what we're praying against!

brothels and bars of the area. Once we returned, the electricity had come back on. **To me, the message was clear: God wants his Church and his Gospel outside the four walls!**

Exploring needs and solutions. I took a trip to a Karen tribal village with Shan, a Thai friend and house church planter. (He was part of planting this group many years ago.) The plants are growing in numbers, but they're unsure how to go to the next level by empowering their people to grow and multiply. Shan and I have been talking about how to help them and others like them.



Teaching local church elders, Asian style!

We're just at the beginning of this type of work!

I also worked with the owners of our son's school who have two churches meeting. They wanted to know how to lead Discovery Bible groups, and I was able to preach and demonstrate this method to them. An hour before a key meeting, I got a call that Aslan had cut his head and would need stitches. I knew then that we were hitting some spiritual opposition. We brought him to the ER, got him the six stitches he needed, and still made it to the meeting! My wife and sons are true troopers!

New original Gospel message complete. We're proud to announce that our Gospel message "Invitation to the Kingdom" has been fully edited and printed. **We recently picked up our first 10,700 copies from our local printing partner!** Thanks to a push from our friends at "Revolutionary Life," we were able to take this vision the Lord gave me in a dream last year from concept to reality. The message was birthed out of a burden from the book of Matthew 24:14



Our unique Thai message tract.

when Jesus spoke of this "Gospel of the Kingdom" being preached in all the world as a testimony to all nations. I believe the Lord showed me that because Thailand is a true kingdom and could connect with a Kingdom message. In fact, Thailand has been under the leadership of a king for most of its history. As for using print, a very recent study on church growth in Thailand showed that over 60 percent of all new Thai believers were influenced in coming to Christ by smaller portions of literature! We also have our dedicated Thai web site www.kwamrak.org and hope to begin sharing our message to the online generation as well.

Unique. During my research, the majority of messages I saw already available were translated from a general message and not tailored to the Thai Buddhist mind.

Others only focused on quoting scriptures and making salvation simply a decision between going to heaven or going to hell. There's so much more! **I wrote the message toward a Thai Buddhist mind and used simple and easy-to-understand language.** The language used targeted the "felt needs" of the Thai, including the end of suffering and breaking the cycle of the law of "karma."

On the homefront. Since our last newsletter, Jacq and the boys participated in "Power Pack," a local children's conference about leading children in the supernatural. Brayden also celebrated his 8th birthday. Since it's the hot season now, the boys are out of school for their summer break. Brayden will start fourth grade in May, and Aslan will move up to the K2!



We'll miss you, Elise!

We've had a wonderful guest staying with us for the last few months. Elise used to work at an orphanage in a leper colony, and she's now transitioning to return to Australia to be married. It's been a blessing to Elise with us. She's like family now, and we'll be sad to see her go.

Your partnership. With your help, we'd like to begin bringing strategic outreach and training to other provinces within Thailand, and even into surrounding nations as we continue to support native leaders. We have a small team coming at the end of May that the Lord has been putting together, and we're excited about the possibilities. We have so much to tell you but so little space!

Thank you partners for standing with us financially. By faith, we are going to the next level. **If you haven't yet become a monthly partner with us, would you do us a great favor? Would you simply take a moment right now, pray for us, and ask the Lord what he would have you do personally?**

Then visit www.spreadtheflame.com to support through online giving, or simply use the provided envelope to send in your tangible vote of confidence and faith!



A family picnic in the shade.

Love,

The Lamberts
John, Jacqueline, Brayden and Aslan