



Lambert Family Update December 2009

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

The long process of settling into a new country and making a house a home has been coming to pass for us. In our last newsletter we shared about being happy to finally have a place to call our own after over a year of traveling and moving.

Little did we know that we would be moving one more time due to conflict with our landlady, most of it spiritual in nature. Once we made the move, we immediately sensed the difference between our former place and this home in regards to peace. **Thanks be to God, after a lot of work and transition, we can now say that this house is our home.**

Through all of these circumstances, we know that God is training us for life as pioneer workers among the unreached of Thailand. **Psalm 144:1** says, "Praise be to the LORD my Rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle." Our warfare is spiritual in nature and we have been able to engage in it many times and in many ways since coming to Thailand!

A blessing to others. Since my (John) trip to Laos to minister to the persecuted church, I am so pleased to let you know that we were able to bless the church there with a love offering to help with their ongoing work. By your support and by stepping out in faith, **together we paid the rent on an underground**

college campus ministry that disciples young Laotians students for a whole year!

We also got motorcycles operational again for worthy leaders who care for many congregations outside of

their own villages. Our heart has always been to support the poor and persecuted church and now we have the ability and proximity to do it in person with a team of people behind us...that's you!

Changing Lives in Hin Lat. In the village of Hin Lat, many new people are opening to the Gospel. At a recent meeting there, one Isaan lady said, **"We believe that God can come to our village because you have come."** Wow! Two ladies prayed to receive Jesus and many others heard the message that day. What a great privilege of working together to be able to bring this message to people who have never heard it before.



Working with believers in the rice harvest.

Raising up new young leaders. In the village of Non Hua Chan, the Isaan couple leading the group is maturing and sharing their faith with everyone they come in contact with. People are listening to their testimonies and wrestling with what it means for their communities. **One teenage boy who attended the meetings for five months before deciding to truly become**



Fuh, a new Isaan believer and future worship leader!

a disciple of Jesus is going strong and will be baptized

soon. He has also picked up the guitar and began learning the worship songs that Pastors Nikhom and Lak have taught the group.

Planting and growing. In the village of Nom Payom, **nine new believers were baptized and the church is being formed where there was never one before.** Thai Pastors, Charin and Waen, have committed to planting as many of these new congregations as possible as well as continuing to grow their own local church.



Bill Hughes and I meet weekly with both of these couples in order to pray and strategize together. Our

main focus is working together in order to move into new unreached Isaan villages throughout the Northeast.

The Gospel at work. An Isaan man who was once a staunch opponent of the Gospel message has recently come to faith in Jesus and will be baptized very soon. When we visited him recently, **he talked about not wanting to be baptized alone so he spent four hours one day telling his fellow Isaan friends what he knows about Jesus** and what Jesus has done in his life.

Formerly a heavy drinker, his eyes are now lucid and his face bright as he speaks. He is a part of the church plant in the village of Wang To where testimonies of

God working miracles in their lives is never in short supply!

News of Jesus' work in the lives of the unreached Isaan people is spreading little by little, but in this part of the world where most have never heard the name of Jesus, these are all huge breakthroughs!

Coming up. This month I will be in **Andhra Pradesh, India** taking part in a ministry that is reaching a large number of both urban and rural people through church planting, evangelism, and leadership training. **One of the main outreaches is expected to draw 75,000 people!** This opportunity came to me through an invitation and I feel that it will be a great vision trip for us as well as an opportunity to bless the churches of South Asia.

In January **I have been invited to join key Christian leaders from over a dozen Buddhist majority nations to pray and strategize on how to best reach our areas with the Gospel.** This conference is by invitation only and I am honored to have been invited as a first year worker here in Thailand. I look forward to the key connections that God will have for me and all of the things I will learn from those who have given everything for Jesus.

Partner with us! As you can see, great doors are opening for us! **Would you please consider a gift of any amount this month to help us continue our goal of reaching the people of Asia? Your support does make a difference and goes a long way towards helping us help others in Jesus' name.**

For the Unreached of Asia,

John, Jacq, Brayden, & Aslan