

Women's Ministry in Thailand

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Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.

Isaiah 41:10

Mary's Update

Dear Praying Partners,

The words "Do not fear, for I am with you..." are very comforting to my soul, especially over the past several months since the Lord has allowed life storms to hit me from all directions. I believe this is because the ministry is taking off and lives are being transformed beautifully through the teaching of God's word. Surely, Satan is never happy to see it happening, and he has been trying to tear the ministry apart by his wicked schemes. Oftentimes, he works through the work of the flesh such as jealousy, gossiping and negative reports, etc. These trials are nothing new and I am trying to hang in there.

At the same time, I had been struggling financially for many months where I did not have enough to keep me going and I had to eat sparingly each day in order to make it through. God has brought me to true humility by becoming more open about what I was facing without being ashamed to ask for prayer and to share it honestly with many of you. As a result, several of you stepped in to show me your love and care, and I am grateful to the Lord for your generous hearts in meeting my immediate needs.

Politically, the Lord has allowed Thailand to face a type of civil war to the point where those who have been living in Bangkok have had nightmares as the protesting, shooting and bombing went on for four months. The intensity of the crisis took place in April and May where many died in the fight between protesters and the government's troops. It was a shocking situation and my heart grieves to see the wickedness of man demonstrated through violence in my homeland.



Crisis brought me to my knees. I remember what I determined to do as a way of life since last year and I also taught the women in my discipleship group to do the same "Five at All Times".

1. I will bless the Lord at all times. Psalms 34:1
2. I will trust in the Lord at all times. Psalms 62:8
3. I will rejoice in the Lord at all times. Phil.4:4
4. I will be thankful to the Lord at all times. Eph.5:20
5. I will pray to the Lord at all times. Eph. 6:18

God has certainly led me to put into practice what I taught. Please feel free to adopt this principle into your life and you will find it exciting, challenging and rewarding!!



Benz and her family

Quality time with Benz (Nednipa Udompuntha)

I am grateful to the Lord for the opportunity to come to the US this past fall of 2009. One of my goals was to support Benz in her spiritual walk. Benz and her family had been living in Chattanooga, TN, for some time, but God led her family to be in Thailand for a while. That’s where she had an opportunity to attend a women’s bible study group for several months. As a result, Benz’s life was transformed through the teaching of God’s word and she acknowledged that her new life in Christ has finally begun. Benz has a real hunger to grow spiritually and desires very much to become a channel of blessing to others. I truly felt that it was important for me to be with Benz upon her return to the US in order to direct her to the right spiritual resources so that she could plug in and get fed faithfully. I praise God for her life as she continues to grow and reaches out to her Thai friends in Chattanooga, TN.

Training Time

Since I had to be in Chattanooga, I would not allow the privilege of taking some special classes at Precept Ministries Headquarters to slip away. Kay Arthur’s study materials have always been a blessing to my spiritual walk and growth. The three classes I took were great and tough at the same time and my head was spinning most of the time! It was good to experience some of the studies that I had never taken before such as “Structuring”. My own evaluation is that I still have a long long way to go in certain studies. The meeting with Kay and Jack Arthur as well as their wonderful staff was a real blessing. I am so grateful to the Lord for the opportunity of meeting and learning from them all.



Meeting Jack & Kay Arthur

Precious time in Houston, TX

One other goal accomplished was the important times I had with precious Thai ladies whom the Lord had allowed me to influence and teach in the past. Houston, Texas has a special place in my heart as some of the Thai ladies whom I know have a real hunger for spiritual growth. I was able to spend quality time with them during Christmas and also had the opportunity to speak God’s word to them. Their hearts are always open for me to impart God’s truth to them. They continue to meet and study regularly from what I have entrusted to them through MP3 and study materials.



Woman Bible study in Houston, TX

Visiting Supporters

My three months in the US was busy and involved a lot of traveling, but I managed to see the beauty of Fall in New England just before my trip got hectic. Last, but not least, was a wonderful visit with some of my supporters from Texas, Phoenix and Montana. It was so nice to meet and have a wonderful visit with each one again. I had a short visit with the Bridgeway Community Church as a whole group and that was very nice. It was a privilege for me to meet so many of you during this time. Thank you for being interested in women's ministry in Thailand and for upholding me in your prayers.

Trusting God

Over all, I want to praise God for all the trials He has allowed in my life and ministry since the beginning of this year. In Christ, I know that I am more than a conqueror and that greater is He who is in me than he who is in the world. Therefore, I will keep pressing on for the prize of the upward call. My only prayer request is that the Lord may raise up supporters and sufficient financial support needed for each month to keep me and the ministry going. Thank you once again for meeting my immediate needs.

Please visit the Women's Ministries' website and pray with me that God may use this link as one of the channels to bring the Gospel to the Thai people everywhere. <http://www.theword4women.com>

In Him,

Chanaddah Chaisakorn

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