

Women's Ministry in Thailand

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*"Therefore if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new creature;
the old things passed away;
behold, new things have
come."*

2 Cor. 5:17



Mary's Update



Dear Prayer Warriors,

Even though I am exhausted, I am encouraged to continue discipling others because I have seen some of the amazing works of God. I believe that the following testimonies will be of great encouragement to all of you.

Siriruk's Testimony

"Throughout my childhood I often experienced hunger because my family was very poor. I always thought that if I had a lot of money I would be happy but a turning point came when I found out that this assumption was false. I married a business man in Houston, Texas, and my life became comfortable. I then became lost in a world of spending money, on material possessions, fun times and whatever gave me pleasure. I gambled and lost more than \$300,000 in three years. None of this spending gave me true satisfaction. I felt very empty inside. Realizing that money was not the answer, along with having heard the gospel from my roommate, I tried going to church. I attended it for two years but my life remained unchanged. I was known among my friends as a gambler, a smoker, and a bad girl with bad language and bad habits!

"Toward the end of 2010, I was tired of everything and began to search for my real purpose in life. I cried out to God because I truly desired to know Him. In 2012, God sent a person from Thailand Women's Ministry to teach me the word of God. After only a few months of weekly bible study, I became aware of my sins and sought God's forgiveness. Then, His peace and joy began to flow within me and my life was transformed. I was set free from my sinful habits, much to my friends' amazement!

"Since the fall of 2012, I have been involved with the women's ministry's daily prayer group and that has helped me grow tremendously. Also, I have been, and am currently discipling my former gambling partner who is in Houston, Texas. Several months ago she turned her life to the Lord because of the wonderful changes she had seen in my life. As a result, her life has also been quickly changing in wonderful ways. Praise be to God!"



Siriruk



Nichapa's Story

In August, 2012, I had the privilege of leading my next door neighbor, Nichapa, to the Lord. As her life began to change, she expressed to me her desire to be used by God to win souls for Him and to come alongside me working in the women's ministry. Unfortunately, in November, 2012, Nichapa was arrested because of her previous business dealings and ended up in Bangkok's prison. Coincidentally, my former physical therapist (a Godly woman) was in the same prison due to false charges. During Nichapa's first two weeks in the prison, she saw the wonderful example of my former physical therapist who was sharing her faith daily without any resentment for being falsely imprisoned. After my former physical therapist

was bailed out, Nichapa took over sharing her faith with her cellmates. Even though she was a new believer God enabled the truth about His word to easily flow from her heart to others.

I have been visiting Nichapa weekly both to encourage her in the Lord and buy her food (Thai prisons only provide the bare essentials thus making it necessary for friends or family of the prisoner to purchase adequate food and basic necessities from the prison at inflated prices.). Also, our prayer group has been praying for her life and her ability to witness faithfully because we believe, beyond the shadow of a doubt, that God has a great plan through all of this. Over the past five months, Nichapa has led more than ten women to the Lord and those women's lives have been changed amazingly! God's supportive hands are with Nichapa as she has found favor in the eyes of one of the prison guards who allows her to teach the word of God in her cell every evening.

The new converts truly desire to grow in the knowledge of God and His word, therefore I sought permission to enter the prison to teach God's word and/or provide them with study materials. For now, the authorities have declined permission on both accounts. Please join us in prayer to ask God to continue doing a great work through Nichapa despite the unpleasant conditions in the prison and her poor health at the age of 60.

In Him,
Chanaddah Chaisakorn

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