

Thailand Women's Ministry Newsletter

May 2015

*"Faithful is He who calls you,
and He also will bring it to
pass."*
1 Thess 5:24



Mary (Noi) 's Update

Dear Prayer Warriors,

So far, during my current sabbatical year, I have been unable to rest or accomplish the three goals that I set forth for this time. Since March, God allowed me to become very sick with severe allergies, but in His mercy, He has now alleviated my misery, having led me to a hospital where I have been treated twice over the past few weeks and am now feeling a lot better. However, my eye condition (AMD) has been deteriorating due to the stress from the allergies. Again, God in His goodness led me to an ophthalmologist on North Dakota for an eye injection. Unfortunately, there has been no improvement since then and my eye condition is getting worse as I see less and less each day.

Many of you have been praying for me as I have been waiting upon the Lord, seeking His guidance and His healing touch. Now, He has opened a door for me, that is, to obtain further eye treatment in Harrisonburg, Virginia, before May 28.

Dr. Zapanta, who I am thankful for and who is connected with Advancing Native Missions, arranged the visit to the ophthalmologist. I am looking forward to further eye treatments and experiencing God's loving care during my year of rest. Please continue to pray that God brings restoration to my eyesight.



Ping, Benz and Noi

While I am on my sabbatical rest, my co-workers Ping and Benz are continuing work with the Thailand Women's Ministry. They have the following to report:



La, Nuan, Toom and Ping

Ping's Report from Bangkok, Thailand:

The Thailand Women's Ministry has been praying, that through Bible studies, God's Word would penetrate the hearts of the women at Prachaniwet Church, where I am currently serving. The studies that we use for discipleship have each lesson ending with five application questions that are helpful for leading the students in discussion as well as encouraging them to think for themselves:

- Is there any sin for me to confess immediately?
- Is there a good example for me to follow?
- Is there a bad example for me to avoid?
- Is there a command for me to obey immediately?
- Is there a promise from God for me to claim?

La

La was the first woman to finish the studies of "The Beatitudes" and she did it faithfully. She hungers to know more of God and what plans He has for her life. La clearly sees how we are to mourn over our sins, the sins in the church, and for the world. She now has a very good understanding of us all being commanded to make disciples and teach others. After having completed the lessons, La is now willing to serve more in the church for Christ.

Nuan

Nuan is also currently studying "Blessed are the Pure in Heart". At first, she was reluctant to join us, but now, she wants to learn more of God's Word, having been convicted of this through the study. Nuan has been serving in the church for many years but has never been a disciple of the Word. Now, after each lesson, while discussing the five application questions, she excitedly shares what the Lord is teaching her, especially in the areas of forgiveness.

Toom

Toom is currently studying "Blessed are the Pure in Heart". She has been a believer for almost a decade yet was still a baby in the Word. As we studied, the Holy Spirit showed her how to let go of her past sins (1 John 1:9). She now has joy knowing that God has faithfully forgiven all of her sins. She now understands the will of God for her life and is "rejoicing always, praying without ceasing, and giving thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you". (1 Thess 5:16-18)

Benz's Report from Chattanooga, Tennessee:

This May has been the busiest yet most blessed month for me so far even though I had a lot scheduled on my calendar, have been homeschooling my son, training him in the way of the Lord, and working at our store. Here are some of the blessings:

I have been blessed to facilitate the Bible study, "Discerning the Voice of God," to a small group. This study has brought the group members and me into a most intimate relationship with the Lord.

I have been very thankful for the opportunity to fellowship with a group of Thai ladies. The Lord opened a door for me to share the gospel with these ladies. One of them, named Pinky, made a decision to follow Christ. Praise the Lord that He revealed himself to Pinky and drew her closer to Him!



Pinky



The Lord put a burden on my heart, which was to start a Bible study for new believers and non-believers using the study, "The Story of Hope". It is a chronological Bible survey of God's redemptive plan that features all key Bible events in major Bible eras, from Genesis through Revelation. With guidance from the Holy Spirit, I am confident that this study will help these people clearly understand, genuinely embrace, and firmly hold on to the gospel.

Bible Study Ladies

By the work of God's hand, one of the Thai Christians named Jan has been blessed by listening to "God's Will for Women" on MP3. She has turned her life around to seek first His kingdom, and has grown so much in her faith over the past few months.

This summer, starting June 4, I will lead the Bible study, "The Beatitudes" for some other Thai Christian ladies.

In Him,

Chanaddah Chaisakorn (aka Noi or Mary)



Jan

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