

Thailand Women's Ministry Newsletter

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“There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven.”

Ecclesiastes 3:1



Mary's Update



Dear Praying Friends,

On 13th October, 2016, we lost our beloved and greatest king (except for Jesus Christ, of course!), King Bhumibol. It has been a sad time for me and the people of Thailand as we have all shed tears in mourning his death. He was a humble person who lived sacrificially and always focused on the needs of other people. He worked very hard throughout his entire life; in fact, he had completed over four thousand projects to help the citizens and to build up his nation. I have been blessed to have lived during his reign and to have learned from his wonderful examples.

In the midst of our sadness over this great loss, Valaiporn and I proceeded with our seminar in Chiang Rai where I was surprised to see God at work in a mysterious way! The seminar was supposed to be for women yet it turned out that there were mostly men there. I didn't want to teach since I don't believe in exercising authority over men. I prayed and sought God's wisdom. He led me to apologize to the attendees and explain that it had never been my intention to teach the men and that I had no right to turn them away. They all understood and respected my belief and my apology. At the end of the seminar, these pastors expressed appreciation for my sound teaching and wished that their women could benefit from it too.



Ten days after this, God had opened the door for me to teach the women from ten different churches that these pastors represented. It was very impressive to see the pastors taking the women to the weekly bible study and picking them up afterwards. These pastors had no doubts about what the

women were learning because the pastors had heard my expository teaching from a previous seminar. They were grateful that the women were being taught by a woman, especially on the subject concerning women's roles and responsibilities in their homes.

While weekly teaching has been ongoing, a new opportunity arose a few weeks ago. I was invited to be a guest speaker at a women's retreat that was organized by committees of the Church of Christ. There were 20 core leaders represented by more than 10 different churches from all over Chiang Rai. Praise the Lord for touching their hearts in an amazing way. It is apparent that God's Word is being taught and lives are being transformed so the devil is not happy about this. I sensed strong attacks from him from the start and I continue to fight on with God's full armor. Please continue to keep me in your prayers as the battle wages on.



While teaching weekly in Chiang Rai, I also have a discipleship group in Bangkok to care for. Therefore, traveling back and forth every week is necessary. It's an hour and ten minutes' flight. I spend Wednesday nights at a provided hotel and the next day, I teach for half a day and then fly home. I will continue to do this for the next three months until this first course at Chiang Rai ends. I am trusting God to raise up faithful women to carry out this discipleship task both in Chiang Rai and in Bangkok. The harvest is ripe, but the reapers are few!

Thank you for your faithful contributions. I pray that God will raise more financial support to go toward my ministry and teaching trips. Please allow me to be upfront with you and honestly say that I have financial needs due to my monthly support having dropped below my budget. I want you to know that any amount given means a lot to me and I am very grateful for your partnership as well as for your prayers.

In Him,

Chanaddah Chaisakorn

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