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Dear Friends,

Greetings from Chiangmai! The Rainy Season here has arrived early, cleaning the dusty air and bringing the most lush, green landscapes that a tropical climate can bring. Despite the wet factor, we have grown to love the rainy season most because of the health and vibrancy that new growth represents.

Isaiah prayed a prayer for rain that reflects

our heart for Thailand in Isaiah 45:8:

Showers, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness; let the earth open, that salvation may sprout forth, and let it cause righteousness to spring up also; I the LORD have created it.

Prayerfully, salvation is beginning to "spout forth." In May a Venture team represented the first of many teams coming this Summer to bring the Good News to Thailand. As of the writing of this letter, a light sprinkle has started, with four young people just baptized in water and over 50 "pre-Christians" studying English at TLC Church. Please pray with us that the sprinkle will become a downpour!

Blessings!

Mark, Janie & Jocelyn

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Jocelyn's Adventure

Jocelyn had the distinction of being a missionary kid on a missions trip.

In April Jocelyn left on an 8-day missions trip to Laos. Her soccer team traveled by van, boat, bus and air to several locations in Laos, holding soccer games and sharing the love of Jesus.

Laos is one of the most restrictive nations in the world for Christianity. It is both spiritually and economically poor.

Jocelyn returned from the trip with a new understanding of poverty and Communism, and a genuine appreciation for both spiritual and political freedom.



Special points of interest:

- Mark was the speaker for the Cambodian AG Bible School's missions emphasis week.
- Mark & Janie attended the World Missions Summit in Louisville where some 700 out of 3,000 college students committed a year of their lives to missions.
- On February 19, approximately 3,000 Thai Christians attended the annual Bless Chiangmai worship and prayer service in Chiangmai.

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Rodney and Jeff

Rodney and Jeff are living confirmation that God knows what we need before we ourselves know it. Both men were part of a previous team from Maranatha AG, and both volunteered to come to Chiangmai to help us.

They arrived in January, just in time to rescue us from a multitude of urgent projects that would have been impossible to do alone.

We are ever so grateful for your help Rodney and Jeff!



Rodney's Masterpiece:
Liberty Church's rooftop meeting room, tiled and enclosed



Jeff's favorite thing to do

Great Teams!

2006 has been the year for teams. Besides Rodney and Jeff, we hosted a 4-man Venture team who helped us distribute Book of Hope to hundreds of high school students.

In June we hosted a YWAM team, a great Minnesota AIM team, and a wonderful Evangel University team. Most of them are still with us as of this writing, so we'll give a report in the next letter.

In July we will host another YWAM team and a youth team from International Christian Assembly in Bangkok. They will be teaching English, distributing literature and witnessing. Pray for lots of fruit!



Venture
Floods

Floods

The early rainy season has resulted in severe flooding in Northern Thailand.

Homes destroyed	631
Homes damaged	2,800
People affected	311,000
Dead	68
Missing	30+

PTL for AG Disaster Relief, helping us help those in trouble.

Prayer Points

1. Pray for Omm, Ing, Beer and Zeen, newly baptized believers. Pray for strength to stand against the cultural and religious tide, and for maturity in Jesus.
2. Pray for over 50 pre-Christians now studying English at TLC church. Pray for all to hunger for a relationship with their Creator, and for anointing to lead them to Jesus.
3. Pray for the Evangel Team as they teach English, and for the YWAM teams and ICA Church team as they evangelize.
4. Pray for **Jocelyn** as she begins her senior year at Grace High School, for **Jeris** as he completes Basic and Advanced Training with the US Army and returns to Evangel for his Sophomore year, and for **Krista and Aaron** as they take a step of faith leaving NCU to go full-time with Venture.

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