

THAILAND

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Greetings from Thailand!

"Missions exists because worship doesn't." (John Piper)

One day every tribe and nation will worship together around the heavenly throne. That is why God calls you and I to a commitment to world missions. He desires worshippers from every people group in the world.

We are excited to do our part here in Thailand. Thank you so very much for doing your supporting part!

Blessings!

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Across Thailand on Bikes !



It took 17 days for the *Venture* bike team to cross 1,500 miles from southern to northern Thailand.

In June Mark and Prin, a TLC church member, joined a team of five dedicated men from *Venture* to raise funds for the TLC church and Bible

school building. In the end this effort raised \$25,000 through pledges from churches and friends.

The team had no support vehicle and had to carry all supplies and tools with them. Along the way they stayed in churches and guest houses.

They also spent a day ministering to tsunami survivors in Thailand's most affected province, Phangaa.

Thank you so much Aaron, Verlyn, Prin, Dave, Ethan and Drew!

* Photo above: The *Venture* team in Mae Sai after 1,500 miles of travel.

• Special points of interest:

The death toll from violence in Southern Thailand has passed 1,000 (October 28, 2005)

- The latest deaths bring to 1001 the number killed since the unrest began in January 2004, according to an AFP tally compiled from police and military reports.

- More than 80 guns were stolen during the brazen series of raids on the dozens of security posts, including private homes used to store weapons for volunteers who work with security forces, senior officials said.

Please pray for Southern Thailand.

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Great Teams!

We continue to be blessed with great teams. As the Venture team was in their final days here, two other teams arrived.

A Minnesota AIM team led by Pastor Kurt Convey served The Centre with hard labor, cleaning, painting and remodeling. They also traveled to Chiangrai for a day to do an all-day "morals seminar" for 100 vocational school students who chose to study the Christian way rather than go to a Buddhist temple.

The other team arrived about the same time came from Evangel University. Evangel professor Gary Martindale has led teams to Thailand for most of the last 5 years, and his teams continue to impress and bless us.

This year Ariel, Jared and Emily (pictured right) did English evangelism and helped Chiangmai Liberty Church with kids ministry, evangelism and camps.



Boot Camp Prepares Church Planters

Mark was asked by the Thailand AG to put together a national church planter's *Boot Camp*.

From August 10-12 some 30 pastors and per-

spective church planters attended and were challenged by the teachings of several missionaries and nationals including special guest Dr. Roger Butz.



Floods Open Doors



Chiangmai was hit by 3 floods this year, opening the door for our churches to show Jesus' love to over 100 families.

← Just behind CLC church
Mark helps rebuild →



Prayer Points

1. Pray for workers to be called into the ministry. Thailand desperately needs churches planted by a bold new generation of leaders.
 2. Pray for our missionary friends, the Doug Stoll family, as they have encountered an incredible series of sicknesses and accidents in the few weeks since returning from furlough in September.
- * PTL for answered prayer for David Kumdee, the 4-year-old son of a Thai pastor, who is nearly fully recovered from severe damage to his esophagus due to accidentally swallowing poison.
 - * PTL for 112 new believers baptized in the new "tsunami church" in the south!