

# THAILAND

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Queen, one of Janie's Children's Church kids

## The Itineration Trail Begins

We are about to start another important phase of our ministry ... *itineration*. On July 30th Mark will follow Janie and Jocelyn to Minnesota to begin a year of ministry among our supporting churches and friends.

Itineration is a wonderful opportunity to *inspire*

churches to greater passion for missions, *inform* them of the things God is doing in Thailand, and *invite* them to join us in making our vision a reality.

We are excited about the opportunity to see you in person and to share some of the many eventful experiences of

our past four years in Chiang-mai.

If you or your church have not yet set up a meeting time with us, please contact us at [mark.durene@agmd.org](mailto:mark.durene@agmd.org).

## Ban Pong Believers Under Persecution

Thank you for your prayers for the new Christians in the small village of Ban Pong. We mentioned in our last newsletter that persecution was beginning.

Indeed, village leaders have prohibited children from attending our Thursday night bible studies, preventing two

new believers, Aeow and Oui from attending. Buddhist monks in the local temple have warned villagers against becoming Christians.

In spite of persecution Thursday bible studies continue, and three more have made a commitment to Jesus! Please

pray for new Christians, Saa, Laa and Naen, and for the original five, Pot, Gunyaa, Amm, Oui and Aeow.

In answer to our prayers, newly arrived TLC pastors, King and Apple have decided to continue leading the group! PTL! Keep praying!

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### Special points of interest:

- Last September Thailand endured a military coup and continues to operate under the military junta.
- On July 5th a new Constitutional draft was approved for a national vote to be held in August.
- An extended debate on whether to make Buddhism the national religion stirred the nation for several months, and turned into persecution for some Christians. However, in the end the proposal failed.
- We praise the Lord for continued freedom to evangelize in Thailand!

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## King & Apple Return

We are thrilled to welcome King and Apple as the new pastors and leaders of the TLC church and ministry center. They are the sharpest people in the world, and love God with all their heart.

They have committed their lives to building spiritual leaders that will impact Thailand. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new phase in their ministry.



## TLC Construction Continues

The TLC ministry center construction is going slowly but steadily. We hoped it would be finished by furlough, but ...

PTL that the funds are completely in! Thank you all for your part ... especially Builders International, Actionow and Bro. Russ Turney!



## Prayer Points

1. Pray for Mark & Janie as they itinerate.
2. Pray for King & Apple as they take on new responsibilities as pastors and bible school directors.
3. Pray for Thailand during the August vote on the new Constitution.
4. Pray for southern Thailand as sectarian violence continues to result in daily casualties.
5. Pray for strength and protection on the churches in northern Thailand as we leave them for a year.
6. Pray for Krista and Aaron as they expect their first baby in October (we're going to be *grandparents!*).
7. Pray for Jocelyn as she takes at least one semester off to work and plan her next move.
8. Pray for Jeris as he works to complete his degree and serves in the Army.