

Merry Christmas !

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Dear Friends and Family,
Chiangmai is starting to put up Christmas decorations as we write this newsletter. There are two malls in our town, and they are filling up with Christmas trees, garland, lights, bows, presents and Santa Claus.

Thailand has adopted the American tradition of Christmas commercialism; however, it knows almost nothing of the reason for the season. Most Thais believe that there is no other salvation besides that of experiencing innumerable reincarnations until they reach the knowledge and discipline necessary to earn them an escape from the trap that is life. They do not realize that the Christmas we celebrate offers life-transforming hope.

Thank you for continuing to pray for the nearly 99% of Thailand without Jesus.

May the Lord grant you a joyous Christmas. Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 15:13).

Your Missionaries in Thailand,
Mark, Janie & Jocelyn



Tsunami Changes Lives

One year after the devastating Asia tsunami changed the face of Thailand's West coast, Thai lives are changing because of your prayers and generosity. The Thailand Assembly of God disaster response resulted in a church plant that has seen phenomenal results by Thailand standards. Recently 112 new Christians were baptized at Phagna Liberty Church. PTL!



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Dream Team Developed in the North

In October we helped the Northern Thailand AG set up a *Dream Team Leaders* training program to develop future ministers. Nearly 40 young people attended, pledging to commit themselves to spiritual disciplines, study and serving their church. Pray for our future leaders!



CLC Missions Convention

We were thrilled to help Chiangmai Liberty Church put together their first missions convention. They took pledges to support a new church plant in Mae

Sot and send mission teams to 3 cities ... and met their goal with money left over!
Every church is a missions church!

World Missions Summit

Mark and Janie will be attending the AG World Missions Summit in Louisville on December 28 - January 2. The pur-

pose is to challenge university students to give a year as a missionary volunteer. Pray for us as we travel and participate.

Prayer Needs

- ▲ Pray for our churches during their special Christmas evangelistic outreaches. Pray for anointing and reaping.
- ▲ Pray for us as we travel to the US in December for the World Global Summit. Pray for the Summit, that literally thousands of students will commit to a year of missionary work.
- ▲ Pray for our *Dream Team Leaders*, that they will have the stamina to complete their training, and will not lose their call to full-time ministry.
- ▲ Pray for our new church plant in Chiang Khong. It is a brand new start with virtually no members.
- ▲ Continue to pray for Pastor Nujira and the new church plant in Mae Sot, and for workers for more new churches in Lamphun and Fang.

