

Merry Christmas !

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For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called "Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."
(Isaiah 9:6 RSV)

Merry Christmas from Chiangmai

It is exciting to imagine that some 700 years before Jesus was born, God told the world that the Messiah to come would be the **Almighty Father God** being born as a baby! What an amazing thing God did for us!

It is a privilege to celebrate this wonderful event here in Thailand where most people still have never heard the story. Our Chiangmai AG churches are taking advantage of this time to evangelize in the shopping malls and parks, print and distribute special Christmas tracts, conduct evangelistic Christmas parties in the churches, and show the love of Jesus by distributing clothing, blankets and other supplies to needy families.

In the midst of all this another exciting event is happening. We are working closely with the TLC Church as they construct their new ministry center. The construction is just getting under way, keeping Mark especially busy at the job site. We are looking forward to updating you with construction photos in the near future.

On top of everything our family has the special privilege of a visit from Jeris! He will spend his holiday break from Evangel University here with us in Thailand. PTL!

Thank you so much for your faithfulness in prayer and support in 2006. May the Lord grant you peace and joy this Christmas and throughout the coming year.

Your Missionaries in Thailand,
Mark, Janie & Jocelyn



Another Property Miracle!

This past term has had a building and property anointing. In 2004 we watched God miraculously provide funds to purchase a building for Chiangmai Liberty Church.

Then in 2005-6 through your generosity and that of Builders International and Actionow,

funds came together to purchase property and build a ministry center for TLC Church.

Just last month a piece of land with a building fell into the hands of one of our churches for just \$3,400! This is how it looks now. In January the Maranatha team will transform it!



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TLC Leaders Return

The greatest reward of ministry is to see lives grow and mature into fruitful leaders and ministers. We have been blessed in this way. Numerous TLC members have found their way into full-time ministry, and now some are returning to serve full-time at TLC ... including Milk, Prin, King and Apple.



Prin became a Christian through TLC before leaving to study in Mae Rim and Montana. He ministered in southern Thailand for over a year before joining the TLC staff in July as worship and discipleship leader.



Milk was also saved and disciplined through TLC, and has been serving as church secretary and children's minister. She is praying for the opportunity to take a Master's Commission program in California next year.



Apple was in the TLC pioneering team in 2000. King joined the church a couple of years later. They spent the last 4 years studying and ministering in the US, Philippines and southern Thailand, but plan to return as full-time TLC pastors next year!

Loy Krathong Festival

The past few days Thailand has been celebrating Loy Krathong, one of their many religious festivals.

One of the highlights of this festival is to release hot air cloth

balloons fired by a burning wax wick. Believers prayerfully place their sins and troubles on the balloon before it floats away, hoping to receive forgiveness.

In the background are thousands of fiery floating balloons.



Prayer Needs

- ▲ Pray for the various Christmas outreach activities including performances in the malls, neighborhoods and churches. Pray for tract distributions and compassion outreaches as well.
- ▲ Pray for the six-month TLC Ministry Center construction process that started in mid-December. Pray for Mark's sanity as he and our short-term worker, Rodney, oversee the work. Pray for efficient and quality work, and for the final \$30,000 to complete the project.
- ▲ Pray for the Maranatha team (Forest Lake, MN) coming in January; that their construction work will be quick and efficient as well as safe.
- ▲ Pray for King and Apple as they study in the US and prepare for their role as TLC pastors. Pray for Milk and Prin, for anointing and guidance.

