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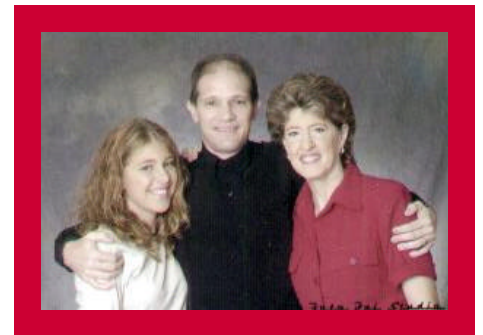
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Merry Christmas!



## Christmas In Thailand

Christmas in Thailand is a cultural experience. It's not only because of the weather, which will probably be in the 80's or 90's Christmas Day, but the whole approach of Thai Christians toward Christmas is different from that of our tradi-

tional American roots.

Here, Christians view Christmas as the year's best opportunity to evangelize. Christmas is well-known throughout Thailand as a Christian holiday, and Thais are very respectful of religious holidays, and receptive to learning

about its meaning.

Much of December is spent at church preparing for and conducting evangelistic activities. The schedule is exhausting.

We miss the American focus on spending time with family. Yet, what is Christmas for? Jesus

came *to seek and save the lost.*

Please pray for our churches as they work hard to touch Thailand with the Gospel over this Christmas Season. ★

## New Believers At CLC Baptized

October 25th was an exciting day, not just because it was Janie's 50th birthday, but because four new CLC (Chiangmai Liberty Church) believers were baptized in water.

We enjoyed an overnight camp in a beautiful mountain village near Chiangmai with the church, worshipping God, studying the Word, and enjoying nature.

Our time together was culmi-

nated with the baptism of Joy (pictured right), Opal, Tao and Adam. ★



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## Every Home For Christ

Every Home For Christ represents another incredible opportunity that has presented itself with the potential to impact the Province and ultimately the whole nation for Jesus. The plan is to place Gospel

literature in each of the 420,500 households in the Province through a coordinated effort of all Evangelical churches.

**Light For The Lost** will sponsor most of the funds needed to print this litera-

ture, and **Book of Hope** has agreed to provide age-appropriate copies for more than 600,000 young people!

Please pray for this project throughout 2004. ★

## Chiangmai AG Youth Get Together

On Sunday afternoon September 28th, over 100 AG youth from our 5 local churches came together for worship and fellowship.

It is rewarding to see the

growth of God's church in Chiangmai over the past several years. It is easier than ever to see the unlimited potential represented here to change the nation for Jesus. ★



## Prayer Requests

- \* Christmas outreaches throughout Thailand.
- \* Pastor Wat's mother, diagnosed with advanced stage stomach cancer.
- \* Pastor Thamanoon in North-eastern Thailand, 30-plus years old with a wife and two young sons, very sick with a terminal blood disease.
- \* Every Home For Christ campaign, that Chiangmai will be transformed.
- \* Safe travel for Krista and Jeris as they come to be with us over Christmas! ★



The last Sunday of each month, TLC hosts "Special Friend Day," where all are encouraged to invite a friend. Above is one of the activities of September's Special Friend Day.