

The SEARLES in THAILAND

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After being in Thailand for 38 years my wife Maureen and I have had many opportunities to spread the Gospel. We've passed out millions of tracts, held countless street meetings, been on visitation day after day, taken people to the hospital, taught English and anything else we could think of to do. Yet, it was not by any of these methods that the Lord brought #1. That individual that developed into a phenomenal pastor and church planter. In my estimation, Jesda was a gift from God to show His own grace and power.

The same occurred in Nakorn Nayok, except the Lord didn't give the preacher but a very faithful congregation. With the best we could come up with it was if the Lord would say "that's a good idea you have, try it" and then He would back up. It wasn't until my daughter introduced me to the concept of "Prayer Walking". On one of these walks I confessed to God that I had no more rabbits up my sleeves, that I had no more ideas. The Lord seemed to say then let Me do it and we started to see the church grow.

I then made a mistake. I stopped walking. I justified you can pray in any position and I did Pray sincerely but maybe there were too many distractions, too much "Good stuff" that had to be done NOW or maybe it was just general confusion but the church stopped growing.

I want to go on record and say I'm going to go back to what was successful – Prayer Walking. By writing I realize I am setting myself to be accountable to anyone that might ask – That's probably a good thing. The other reason I have written this is to ask for your help. November 9,10,11 a team of EMS workers from the U.S are holding the first ever training seminar for an audience of 50 Nakorn Nayok EMS volunteers. The team that is coming is Christ centered and Christ motivated. They are praying already for souls to be saved. Abigail my 4th daughter and her husband are coming expressly to pray. 10 people are coming 12000 miles to witness and pray.

My first request is for my support partners to pray specifically for this seminar. Pray that souls would be saved. At sun up Lord willing, I will be stepping out of the house away from the computer, and other distractions to pray for Nakorn Nayok, NongKhi and Lighthouse Children's home. I am not asking you get up at 4 am, but I am asking for something other than a "TIP" of a prayer. I believe when the final tally is in, we will see His Glory, His power, His Grace, and prayerfully souls will be saved.

Thank you for your support and thank you most of all for your prayers;
In the paddy Tim and Maureen Searles

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April 20, 2018

FINGER PRINTS of GOD:

Maureen has Shingles but for three weeks functioned even though sick.

The well ran dry, taking 2-3 hours to do wash So Maureen & Ike took kids to NakornNayok. I stayed in NongKhai to install 6000L storage tank and pump that Bro.Bernard and Neff bought. When I flew back to Bangkok Maureen wanted to meet the airport when I came in Because of her pain I told her I would get there on my own but she insisted.

"Just so happened" As I was landing she started with unbearable pain

"Just so happened" Palo Hospital not 200 yards from where she went into distress.

"Just so happened" we had insurance from the Lord via Thomas and Marci

"Just so happened" Ike was able to borrow car and come to Rang Sit to pick up kids

Thank God and by the Grace of God they were able to get excruciating pain under control. Nice room Maureen slept for the best part of 3 days and 2 nights

"Just so happened" Ton was there to walk us through it insurance

Meanwhile at the home in Nongkahi

The day Ike left he bought us a 3 in. gas pump for irrigation, that day we ran out of water for trees incredible!

Thank God for Mow, Lug, NooGawn, Somboon, Fa, Baan, Bee, Ton, Ike, Moo all stepped up to plate. When it rains it pours – There was a problem with my passport and it was best for Maureen to go back to the States while it is worked out.

(A note that Maureen has posted at the house)

If we desire our faith to be strengthened we should not shrink from OPPORTUNITIS Where our faith may be tried

The 2 churches are doing well. The Lord has given me a Thai national to help here in Nakorn Nayok. The fellow's name is Mot. It looks like he will be helping me here and starting a church down the road about 40 miles. I'll get behind him on that. That is only going to be possible when the people here pick up their individual responsibility. If the growth of the church is dependent solely on what the pastor does we are kidding ourselves. The church to really be a church has to be a workstation where everybody is involved in getting the Gospel out -- by praying by giving by witnessing by teaching by doing what the Lord has called each of us to do. I think things are really coming alive in Nakorn Nayok, and NongKhai. It will happen in PaChee, Which is at this point the substance of things hoped for.!!!

In Christs name we thank each one that supports the Lords work here either by prayer or other

Tim AND Maureen

Insolently there is NO "Just so happened" It is the Lord in it all.

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February 22, 2018

We are so thankful for what God has done in Thailand in 2017. We were able to solidify much of the paperwork on the property in Nong Khai which holds the church building and the children's home on it. My son in law Mike came and helped us run electrical throughout the property. Even though electricity is intermittent, bare electrical lines made it unsafe. We are thankful for those that helped pay for all the supplies he needed to finish that job and make it safe. Thomas, another one of my son in-laws, and our daughter, Marci, brought over our grand-baby along with the DeWalt family this December to help out with some major projects on the home and the property. Maureen is working and managing the home. Our goal is to build churches. The Church is made up of followers of Jesus which we are doing in training up these precious children.

Nakorn Nayok Baptist Church is slowly growing in numbers but is spiritually solid. We are waiting and praying for a local pastor. Nakorn Nayok Baptist Church is unique in that the Thai culture still has a defined class system. Nakorn Nayok Baptist has been blessed in that we have a combination of uneducated and educated people in it, we are so thankful for the heart of God's people who are able to bridge that gap. This individual will have to be a unique gift from the Lord. We look forward to seeing how God is going to provide us with a local pastor. We wanted to thank you for your continued support and encouragement to our family. Please continue to pray that the eyes of the Thai heart will be opened and that it would start a revival. Please continue to pray for the Nakorn Nayok Baptist Church and Nong Khai Baptist Church

With what I have left let me promote some clips I have put up on YouTube.com. A friend Leo Dias got me back thinking about video. Another friend, Tony Galardo encouraged me to make some "45 second" clips to report on the work here. A 45 second clip takes a least 30 minutes to make and they may run longer than 45 seconds but that it the concept and just the name of them.

IF you are interested please go to - YouTube.com
In the search bar type - Timothy Searles

Several circles with the letter "T" will appear at this point I think there are 9 video's. This will be added to often.

Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.

Thank you for loving us,
May the Lord bless you there
Tim, Maureen, Glah, Tan, Estter

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I am having to be in two places 10 hour driving time apart. Nakhon Nayok and Nong Khai need to see that they, the members, need to pick up responsibility! Nakhon Nayok Baptist has been very content to let Ajohn (teacher--me) do it. A few weeks ago there was an impromptu church meeting led by a few new members on what kind of outreach they wanted for a Christmas. This would never have happened without these four new additions. In Nong Khai there has been one new young man who is not a Christian bringing and encouraging his younger 4 brothers to attend and become involved. I am thankful. Christmas celebrations in both Nakhon Nayok and Nong Khai with 40 and 45 in attendance, was fun, effective and Thai planned, funded and run it. With a lot of hope I'm looking forward to see how God blesses their vision, prayers and work.

Testimony of putting God's word to practice. Did he sink?

It has been my experience that you do everything you can for as long as you can. Then the Lord blesses from a complete different direction. When it happens it's like the sun bursting out from behind a cloud. It is far more accurate to say it's like the "Son" bursting out from behind a cloud! What an exhilaration! But when one of these blessings messes up, it's heart breaking. It is as if I'm sinking with them. Bow borrowed \$35 from an 85 year old saint who gets about \$35 a month to live. Bow missed the appointed pay back and with no explanation he just didn't show up to church. For about 6 week! The undertone at church was palpable. Bow called me and told me that he had sinned against Roon; he was crying but wouldn't tell me what he did. Bow sells Ice cream for a living. Because of the 40 degree temperatures he couldn't give ice cream away and he could not pay Roon back.. When I went to visit him he was literally eating food that he had taken from a dog. He had lost face, his reputation lost both to Roon and the church and there was NO WAY he was going to go to Roon without the \$. I went through Prov. 28.13 "he that covereth his sin shall not prosper" about 50 times He came back 50 times that it was impossible without the money to pay her back. I prayed with him and to my amazement, before I left he told me he would go to her and he did. Bow denied himself and his culture to act on what the Bible said. In true Bible fashion Roon forgave him and I got to see real spiritual growth which made it all worth it. He took his eyes off the storm and on the Savior. When you have 10 years invested in someone, to see something as dramatic as this, it is a very big deal!

We had a visit this month from a very special lady.

Our newest Granddaughter, 2 month old Margaret. Of course her parents came too and the DeWalt family who invested their time to give Maureen a break. A very big thank you to the wonderful people who helped them come. It was a huge blessing!

The song goes.. The JOY of the Lord is my strength. This going on and on in my head...the joy of the Lord... and my heart aches! There is rejoicing in heaven when someone gets saved. I speak on behalf of Tim and myself. We are thankful for all of you who have stuck with us for over 37 years. We are working hard, doing what we can. Our health is good with a couple minor problems...but our hearts remain to serve God in this country, .to tell these people of God's love and gift of His Son. Thank you.