

# The SEARLES in THAILAND

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- There is a good possibility of returning to Thailand before the end of the year.
- The two boys at the home are doing fantastic.
- Our Two churches in NakornNayok and NongKahi are still in Covet lock down mode.
- Because of the lockdown we have an opportunity to demonstrate the love of Christ.

The news from Thailand has been encouraging, at least for the prospect of visas. The economy is in shambles which according to the news is forcing the country to open within the next hundred and twenty days. Whether or not this is true remains to be seen, but needless to say Maureen and I are hopeful. When we do go back we have a vehicle in storage and have continued to rent our home, so we will be able to go back and hit the ground running

I am in contact with the boys at our home in Nong Khai almost every day. It is amazing and an encouragement to see how fast they memorize Scripture. Not only are they able to add new versus within a day or so but they are able to tell the major points that the verses teach. When the Lord sees fit to bring these verses to the surface in the future and apply them to circumstances in their lives I believe the Lord will be able to use the boys mightily.

It has been very concerning to me for about two years, we haven't seen anybody saved in NakornNayok, but in the last two weeks one 22-year-old accepted Christ and right on his heels a 16-year-old girl asked to be baptized. Both of these were drawn in by the Lord using a young man who was led to the Lord through our ministry many years ago and who has been very involved in the work of the church. It is absolutely fun to see fruit that was born through you and then that person begins to bear fruit.

The economy of Thailand is in shambles. Any kind of preventive methods that we have used here in the United States to combat Covet was taken to the extreme in Thailand. If you are caught not wearing a mask there it is a \$700 fine. The stores that we used to do business with are closed and they don't know if they'll open again. Gatherings are forbidden, unless you have an extreme emergency you are to stay in your house. Our small village has about 100 homes and the people are mostly elderly. The custom in Thailand is for the mother and father to work in Bangkok and for them to send money back to the village for the grand parents to take care of the children, but now there is no work and no money to buy rice.

Last year because of God moving on the hearts of the people of Waterloo Baptist Church, Chula, Georgia, we were able to buy 3 tons of rice for us to distribute to the people of our village. Waterloo just sent another check for thousand dollars to buy another ton. My wife and I would like to do something significant for our village, Lord willing we will buy a ton also. I'm wondering if The Lord would move on the hearts of some of my supporting churches and individuals to show the love of Christ with us. The Thai have an expression that says all religions teach to do good. This would be a classic opportunity for us not only to teach about Christ but to show His love.

Last week I went under the laser to eliminate a cataract that accumulated on my left eye, what a blessing it is to be able to read again! July 19, they will do the second eye. Needless to say I am very thankful to the Lord for giving the doctors the ability to do this.

In Jesus name thank you for your prayers and financial investment in Thailand

Tim & Maureen