

# *The SEARLES in THAILAND*

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FINALLY!! Touching base from Nakhon Nayok, Thailand. Got here and hit the road running. While dreaming and planning, Tim and I both began teaching Sunday School, while Moss, a national, does the preaching.

Visa work and finances have not allowed us to go up country. In Nakhon Nayok there had been five adults, last Sunday there were 14. Among the newest is a lady from Laos, who was saved about 6 months ago. Another new lady shared with us that even though her husband has been discipling her for years only about 18 months ago she came to the realization that she had no personal relationship with Jesus. When her husband returns from working on a cruise ship, she has asked to be baptized. Two weeks ago a lady came to me and asked to begin a weekly prayer group, just for prayer and just for ladies. We take this as a sign of wanting to grow spiritually, GLORY, HALLELUJAH, AMEN!!

Eight years ago a missionary friend passed away. He put in a tremendous amount of funds and had a small congregation, 7 acres of land, a house, a storage garage, and the start of several small buildings. Ricky Salmon and Tommy Tucker asked us if we would consider taking over Nong Khai. Since we had a national helping us and there was a need, we went. We were then asked if the situation was suitable for a Children's Home. It was. At the same time, there was an organization from the States that was interested in starting a home. We would set it up and be there until they had someone who would take it over. They would finance the children until the end of college or until the children left. Immediately we had two boys, one 5 and another 6. Glah and Tan are now 12 and 14. We have had another 5 children but they didn't work out.

The organization has been faithful in supporting the boys, a worker, and electricity at \$1166 a month, as well as being involved in several major building projects and legal aspects of the home. Their hope and vision was to have many children, certainly more than two. We are thankful for the organizations' support and for the widening of our ministry, but this next February because we have so few children, they will no longer send support. It is with a heavy heart they feel they have to back out. We believe a commitment was made, not to mention the emotional attachment Tim and I have for the boys. We will continue this commitment as long as the Lord is able. We have \$225 designated for the boys through our support. Come February we will be short the amount the organization sends. Daily costs for the boys have risen in 8 years. One meal was 30 baht, and today is 55 baht. They used to be fed at school, but they now have to take meals or buy them. Diesel has risen from 26 baht a liter to 34 baht. A 50 lb bag of rice was 350, it is now over 1000 baht. We are trying to keep costs low but now the budget is being stretched beyond what has been sent.

What these boys need are churches or individuals to have a "God" vision, pick up the mantel that this organization has dropped, and ask the question, Where is the LORD God of Elijah?

PRAYER. Nakhon Nayok works to continue to grow. Finances to keep the boys fed, schooled, clothed, and secure. Legal matters at the home to be settled. Our own support.

PRAISE. Growth in church members. Not long after we arrived back, I (Maureen) fell down a flight of stairs. Though I joke about it to cover my embarrassment, there was extensive bruising and we believe a broken rib. Had the Lord not intervened it would have been very bad.

In Jesus name thank you for allowing us to see the Lord Gods blessings daily  
Tim & Maureen Glah and Tan