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Can't lose by Prayer, Memorizing scripture, Remembering what the Lord has done

Maureen and I are back in Nakhorn Nayok trying to learn and trying to teach. Working here is not getting easier. Obviously we're glad to be back, for the liberty God has given us and for your support.

Exodus 1:12 says the more they afflicted them more they multiplied and grew... The Jews cried out to God in their adversity and He heard and, blessed. I don't see that it's any different today. For a year we have been working and evaluating motives, goals and methods. I've walked several hundred miles while praying but seemingly nothing has been happening. You could almost say I prayed until I got mad. Not at the Lord, maybe at my ignorance, but surely at the situation.

THE LORD SHOWED UP

A month ago a 9-year-old boy was saved. A week later an elderly woman was saved then two weeks ago the Lord saved a young woman after church. A year ago there were 7, after two years of Covid maybe that could be expected but then this past week Jesus Christ gave us 32 in church and four baptized. I feel like I should be giddy and jumping up and down with joy, I'm tired but very thankful.

My Pastor and his wife Cyndi, Jeff and Cindy Pangle from Waterloo Missionary Baptist Church as well as three others came to visit for a couple days. We distributed food as a "door breaker" to people that we knew and some that our people had been concerned for. Baan, a member, is a businessman. Has probably 20 workers in his foundry. He has been witnessing and witnessing to his workers. They know he is a Christian and a good boss. The food was an outreach to say Christ, the church and Baan loves you even though at the moment you have been shrugging off Baan's witness, we still do care.

Through Baan, who is also the head of the village, we met a 35-year-old man named Wit, Wit, is crippled from the waist down and barely can use his arms and hands because they are starting to atrophy. He's flat on his back unless propped up with pillows. (I'd like to do something about that). In bed 100% of the time totally dependent on his 65-year-old mom. He fell asleep coming home from work and riding a motorcycle. Not only did he lose his body, he lost his wife, children and friends. His mom was overwhelmed that we came, she told me that no one ever comes to see him. Through the love of Christ, through the love of Baan, through the love of Brother Pangle, through the church at Waterloo, the love of Christ was shown. I've been back to visit him twice and I will go back until God gives me a relationship with him and we are able to have a conversation. There were a lot of doors opened.

Next week we're having a church camp at a secluded beach down on the Gulf of Siam. The Theme is "Pray until you hear God". It was the desire of one of our members that we should do something as a church. This is one of the first activities that was totally initiated, planned and financed by the members. GLORY! It gives me great encouragement that the people are picking up the idea that they are not only members but workers.

The boys have been with us for about 3 weeks – We have taken them skating, swimming and to the Driving range but it's a struggle competing with the cell phone and games especially when it's 100 outside and feels like 112. We will work it out
Wrestling on
Tim & Maureen.