

# The SEARLES in THAILAND

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Let me begin by saying that when visitors come to the field with the desire of being a blessing to the missionary and the people he is trying to reach, it makes a great impression.

We got a very needed visit from our Pastor, Jeff Pangle and his wife Cyndi, Brother Wolfe an officer in the church at Waterloo, and Pastor Anthony Dye and Phoebe his wife. They encouraged our hearts and let our church people know that support from the States goes beyond money. They funded and helped distribute needed food which opened doors. After the visit, our church family banded together, with prayer, and fasting. They began calling people, visiting the sick and tending to the needs of those we have been trying to reach. To date, there have been visitors every Sunday. Six people have made professions of faith, and 4 of those have been baptized. Two of those ladies who made professions of faith have just gone to be with the Lord.

Another contact that was generated by the Waterloo church was a 35-year-old man named, "Wat", Wat was coming home from work early one morning on his motorcycle and fell asleep, ran off the road crashed his motorcycle and broke his neck. The result is that he is paralyzed from his chest down. He has been abandoned by his wife and kids and except for his grandmother and step mother he has no one. I started visiting him but there wasn't much more than a blank stare and no conversation. I had to wonder if I was being an imposition. I told him and his step mom that I didn't come more often because I didn't want to bother them. They said it was that no one ever comes to visit and that it was hard to accept the concern. They didn't know why a foreigner was taking an interest in his situation. Wat had a need of a hospital bed. The "bed" he had been laying on for three years was a piece of plywood with a 2-inch mattress on it. By the Grace of God Baan, one of my members took it upon himself to find a hospital bed. Wat had gotten a bed sore about as big as the palm of my hand and through to the bone. We got him into the hospital. We are finding opportunities to maintain contact with him and showing the love of Christ. Every time we go to see him, we witness to him but so far there has been no come back, only a blank stare. I believe we will see fruit as the Lord works on his heart.

Concerning Wat, Marci my daughter is sending a water mattress. Marci suggested we find a physical therapist that would be willing to come and train some people that can help him

We continue to take care of the two boys we have in NongKhai and they are doing well. Losing the supporting organization that sponsored the boys has definitely limited what I can do in the North. – The Lord Knows.

Thank each and every one that has continued to support us both in prayer and finances

Tim & Maureen