



The Sullivants Missionaries in Thailand

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Dear Friends,

Let me begin by praising the Lord for His goodness to us throughout 2008. I know there were many occasions when the prayers of God's people on our behalf were evident. And we praise the Lord that when exchange rates changed, meaning our money bought less Thai product, the Lord always supplied the need. Thank you to each of you who have been sensitive to the Lord regarding our needs in prayer, and the giving of your finances. "God is good all the time" is more than just a cliché, it is the truth!

Revival: We began 2009 with preparations for the annual Revival held on the Children's Home property. This is the highlight of the year for the NongLoam Baptist Church and for those who make the trek out of the Hill Tribe villages to attend.

Jacob Giesbrecht is an evangelist from our Sending Church in Canada, he was able to come a week early and, since he is a carpenter by trade, he built thirteen pulpits for use in the Hill Tribe Churches, the Nongloam Baptist Church and Bible College. Besides the work that was accomplished on the pulpits, I enjoyed being able to fellowship with Brother Jacob again and hear how the Lord has been working in his ministry as well.

On January 5, the conference began with people arriving from the outlying communities and finding a place to camp out for the revival. Several of the local preachers and Dr. Horn preached Monday through Wednesday. On January 7th my parents arrived with a group of seven other people from Pembina Valley Baptist Church in Winkler, MB at about 1:30 AM. Brother Kurt Copeland and Brother Ken Anderson from Franklin Road Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN also arrived on the same flight. The next morning Brother John Stancil arrived to finish out the group of 'Farang' visitors (pronounced 'phalung' and means foreigner). Since we knew everyone already this turned into a reunion.

Through the preaching of the Gospel by Dr. Horn, Pastor Ceetone, Brother Pramud (who was also ordained to the Gospel ministry that week), Dr. Mike Sullivant Sr (my Dad), Dr. John Stancil, Brother Kurt Copeland, Brother Ken Anderson, Brother Brian Booth, and Brother Jacob Giesbrecht, in the Revival and in the Hill Tribe villages the following week, there were 59 souls who made a profession of faith in Christ, 10 believers baptized and 8 surrendered to full time service for the Lord. The Lord also worked in the hearts of the saved as many came forward to make decisions during the invitations.

Bible College: On February 7, Dr. Fred Schindler (with First Bible International) came and taught modular sessions in the Bible College regarding the work of the Holy Spirit and the charismatic movement. Many of the people here in Thailand know about the Charismatic movement or Catholicism but do not know Christ and true Biblical Christianity. Many of these folks from the Hill Tribes have charismatic churches around them and constantly have to deal with their heresies.

Family: My parents were able to stay with us until January 25th following the Revival. This was enjoyed by all us, especially the Grandparents who seem to have forgotten the long-term

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I Timothy 1:17



effects on *parents* when the *grandkids* get spoiled. ☺ We had a late Christmas celebration with them and the kids were completely spoiled and loved every minute of it.

This is the time of year when the mango trees, and various other fruit trees blossom. Something we did not know is Maureen is allergic to the pollen from the mango trees. She commented one day that as she walked past the mango trees by the driveway how nice they smelled. The next morning she had a migraine headache and battled headaches and migraines for the next three weeks. She then discovered that she was having an allergic reaction to the pollen from the trees. Since then she has been taking some antihistamines and that has at least kept the migraines at bay.

In the middle of April Maureen's sister Amy is going to come for a couple of weeks and visit. The kids are all excited about this and have begun to count down the days until her arrival.

Language: Language studies were put on hold for most of January with all that was going on, but now we are back at it and Maureen and I both feel like we are in K5 again as we learn a new alphabet and begin to try sounding the words out for the Thai language. Each week we are taking a brick out of the wall that is between us and the Thai people and we are looking forward to the day when we can read, write, speak and understand fluently enough to take the Bible and teach them the many things that God has taught us and wants them to know as well.

Jessica has begun studying Thai with Khruu Nita, our language teacher, and she is picking it up well. Jessica has also begun teaching what she learns to her younger brothers and they are now trying to say things in Thai as well. When it was just dad and mom speaking Thai the kids could not care less to learn it, but now that one of them is learning the sibling competition has begun!

New Church: Several of the families in the Church here are from the Isaan (Northeast part of Thailand), and still have family that live there. At New Years they went to visit their family members and primarily wanted to have an opportunity to witness to them. Twelve people trusted Christ as Saviour that first trip and several dozen more have been saved since then. The opportunity is there to start a Church in the province of Yasathon with one couple already donating land for a building. Please pray that this group would continue to grow spiritually in the days ahead as it is a twelve hour drive one way and they do not have a pastor at this time.

Special Request: Please be in prayer for Dr. Rick Horn's health. Dr. Horn has had ulcerated colitis for many years but late last year he and Mrs. Horn went for their physicals and the doctor wanted to do a colonoscopy on Dr. Horn. At first they thought the tumors in his colon were cancerous, then they said they were not but that he would need an operation to remove the tumors in his colon which would mean a major surgery and resection of his colon.

At this point please pray that the doctors involved would accurately diagnose the problem and that Brother & Mrs. Horn would have wisdom in the decisions that they must make in the days ahead, and that God would get the glory throughout this time.

Thank you again to each one who has joined in prayer for us over the past couple of months. And thank you to those who have chosen us as your "Deputy" to Thailand through your financial support. As we finish up our financial tally for 2008, we were blessed to have had faithful supporters throughout the year. As many are feeling the economic pinch right now, let me say thank you to those who have been faithful in your giving to missions.

For His Glory,

*Michael & Maureen Sullivant
Jessica, Wayne & Wyatt*

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