



The Sullivants Missionaries in Thailand

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Dear Praying Friends,

We want to wish you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year. As Christians, we know that our future is as hopeful and bright as the promises of our Savior. We are thanking God for another year to serve Him, and are thankful for His many blessings to us in the past year.

Our language school is continuing to go well. I have finished the first three modules, and am working on the fourth module. I am now learning to read and write the Thai characters. At first they just seemed like scribbles on a page to me. There are a few characters that look like English letters, but they have a completely different sound. I am now starting to be able to read some short sentences in Thai. I can hardly wait until I can pick up a Bible and read it to the people. I thank you so much for your prayers. I am almost half-way through language school. Thanks for praying me through. Maureen is also doing well. She has just finished up the third module.

It has also been very exciting to be able to explain more to the people about the Gospel tracts that we give them. My wife explained to one woman that she wanted to give her a tract that would explain Jesus to her. The lady thanked her gratefully and told Maureen that she had never even heard His Name before. Praise the Lord she has now. The people are very open to receiving Gospel tracts. We have only been turned down one time. We have also had people run after us and give us gifts in thanks for the Gospel tracts. Last month, we left a Gospel tract with a waitress at a restaurant in Chiang Mai. Unbeknownst to us, the waitress had already received Christ at Nong Loam Baptist Church, but had been out of church for many years. She came back the next week with two of her friends who received Christ and her friends were baptized. Praise the Lord for His saving grace!

The church members at Nong Loam Baptist are earnest soul-winners. One lady in the church works as a teacher at one of the local schools. On Christmas Day, one of the other teachers was telling the Christmas story to the children. Her version was simply the 'Santa' version. The church lady asked permission to tell the true Christmas story of Jesus. She was granted permission to tell the children about Jesus inside the Buddhist school she teaches at. She was thrilled to give testimony in church that she was able to see 13 students accept Christ.

Thanks so much to all of you who sent Christmas cards and Christmas gifts. We very much appreciated your thoughtfulness. Our Christmas was very different this year. We enjoyed the gift giving to the children at the Home very much. It was exciting to see their eyes light up. The first gift we were given was rice pancakes wrapped up in a banana leaf. Definitely unique. We certainly missed our family and friends back in "Snowland," but we still had a blessed Christmas. Jessica commented that she thought that this year we had the best Christmas ever.

Thanks for those of you that have contacted us in regards to the political situation here. It is still very uncertain at this time. We are not sure exactly who is in control of the country right now. At the beginning of December, we were wondering what was happening with the airport closures, but as I write, the airports are operating as normal.

God Bless For His Glory in 2009,

Michael Sullivant, Jr.
& Family

*"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen."*

I Timothy 1:17