

# Voice for the Voiceless Thailand

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*"I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." John 8:12*

So much has happened in Thailand since our last newsletter. As you may know we took a small team of missionaries to Thailand on December 20, 2022. They stayed until January 7, 2023, but we stayed an additional 13 days.



When we arrived in Bangkok on December 22, we hit the ground running. We had a three-hour drive to our village and then we were packing gift bags and meeting with Teacher Gigi in



preparation for our next day's ministry in her school at the junior/senior high school. Gigi asked us to teach her students about the true meaning of Christmas. We were very happy to share about Jesus. While we were in Thailand, God opened the doors for us to be in seven new schools where we distributed over 700 backpacks to the children. We are now in a total of eight schools.

We visited a woman and her 11-year-old daughter. The woman has HIV. She told us that the community has shunned her. She was so happy that we came to spend time with her and show her the love of Jesus. **"You guys make me feel so loved,"** she said. She and her daughter both received Jesus as their Savior.



We also did home visits throughout the area, delivering food bags to people who live in extreme poverty. Everywhere we went we shared the Gospel with people. The gift bags were a great way to do this. When we gave the people the gift bags, we told them that this was a free gift from us, but we wanted to share the best free gift of all, which

was the saving power of Jesus. They were very receptive and nearly everyone we shared with prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior.



One such man, whom we affectionately called, "Smiling Man" began to smile from ear to ear when we told him how much Jesus loves him and what He did for him. After we prayed with Smiling Man, He kept saying, **"Jesus in my heart, Jesus in my heart!"** We were recently told that Smiling Man has died.

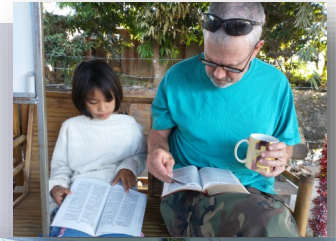


Another woman, "Waiting Lady" was so happy to see us when we found her at her home. We shared the Gospel with her and she said, **"I've been waiting for something. I didn't know what I was waiting for until you guys came and told me about Jesus. Now I know what I was waiting for."** She also received Jesus as her savior as did her grandchildren who live with her.



"Mosquito Net Lady" was an elderly woman who was a stroke victim. She could only scoot on the floor to get around. The only one caring for her was her neighbor who brought her food and helped her bathe once a week. When we told her about what Jesus had done for her and how much He loves her, she said with excitement, **"Oh, really, He loves me?"** She, too, received Him into her heart. This was on January 10. On February 10 she went home to be with her new-found Savior.

The village mayor's wife took us to some of the poorest homes in their village. At one, we found a 10-year-old girl named Fasai, who suffered with cerebral palsy. Fasai was incapable of caring for herself and relied totally on her mother and grandmother for her care. We were able to hold Fasai and tell her how much we and Jesus love her. Her 11-year-old sister and their mother prayed to receive Jesus. During the day her grandma and mom would place Fasai in an old, rusty, crib that was too small for her. Her legs hung out of the end of the crib. This crib was suspended by ropes from the beams underneath the house so that they could swing her to comfort her. Through your support, we were able to have a new bed made for Fasai, free of rust and big enough so that her frail limbs do not hang out.



During our time in Thailand, we had game days, movie nights where we showed "The Jesus Film", home visits, English classes, Bible study, street evangelism, school programs, and a Christmas party with 300 people where several of them received Jesus.

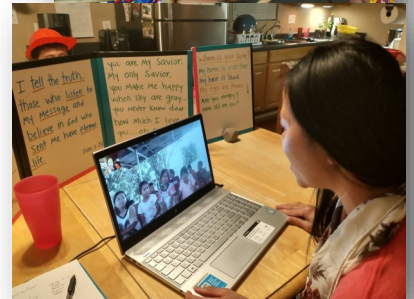


Since being back in the U.S. we have seen the need for additional transportation in the village.

Mongkhon had been picking up the children on his motorcycle, one or two at a time, making multiple trips. This took a long time to do and many children missed out on English lessons and Bible study. We let the church in America know of the need for a truck (Songtow) that has seating in the bed and can carry many people. We had a generous donor pay for the purchase of a



Songtow. Now Mongkhon can pick up the children and their families to come to study in one trip and no one misses out due to transportation.



There was also the need to purchase a laptop computer for Mongkhon to be able to better serve the children during the online video classes. We let people know of the need and yet another generous donor paid for the computer. Another necessity was the purchase of Bibles, which included audio formats. Once again, our extremely generous supporters came alongside us and provided the funding to purchase these much needed Bibles.



Since we returned to the United States, we have been doing online video classes with our Thai children to continue teaching English and Bible study. We're not sure who is more blessed by this: us or the children.

We have been praying for years that God would provide property where we can build our own facilities. God has recently opened the door for this to happen. There are two adjacent lots in the area. We recently bought one of these lots with our own personal money.

However, we need to raise an additional \$40,000 USD to purchase the remaining land. After this, we will raise the money needed for ministry buildings. We know that our donors, people like you, will again come through in this time of need. We are blessed to have all of you partner with us to do ministry in Thailand. If it weren't for God working through you, we would not be able to carry on in this ministry.

We have developed a GiveSendGo crowdfunding page to raise the needed funds for this project. You can give at [www.givesendgo.com/GAJDN](http://www.givesendgo.com/GAJDN) or go to our website at [www.voiceforthailand.org](http://www.voiceforthailand.org) to give there as well. We are a 501(c)(3). All contributions are tax deductible.



*"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy." Proverbs 31:8-9*

