

Thai Tidbits

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Individual Christian Outreach



SaiTong, a fifty-year-old Christian woman, lives at the Ubol Ratana Dam around 60 kilometers from Khon Kaen. She became a Christian about 30 years ago.

After being a Christian for two years, she left the faith and joined the Pentecostal church and became a women preacher for them.

In February, SaiTong came with her family and asked to be restored. Both her husband and her son became Christians. Then she brought her neighbor, Noi and her son, who also became Christians. In turn, Noi brought her neighbor, View, a 23-year old young married mother to Christ. SaiTong also brought her niece, Pam, a sophomore in college to become Christian. These people have been added to the Lord's Church within the last six months. This is healthy Church growth.

Weekend Bible School

August 6 is our first day of the Weekend School. We are experimenting for the first time because we feel that it is getting harder to find students who want to sacrifice two years of their family life to come with no expectation of working full time as a Gospel preacher. Many do not see the need for such training anymore as most of the missionary thought in the past when the Church was young.

With the Weekend School men can come and study during the weekend but still be able to maintain their job and family life. This is more applicable for them than being a two-year residential student at the Bible school.

We will begin with seven new students. Two are from Khon Kaen province—a businessman from PhuWeing and a retired man from the Ubol Ratana Dam. A third student is a young man from Udorn, about two hours from Khon Kaen. A fourth is a vocational student who will continue his studies and travel from his home on Friday evening.. The fifth and his wife are farmers from Chaiyaphum who own their own land. They live about three and a half hours from Khon Kaen. The last one is a forty-five year old businesswoman from Ubon, which is about four hours from the Bible School.

To have these seven students for the Weekend School may seem to some of our supporters a cheaper method of spreading the Word with minimal support. Actually the weekend students are not cheaper. We will help pay for their bus fare or gas coming and going every week, four weeks a month. Then we will provide six meals for each student. It comes up around \$100 per student each month which is how much it costs to support a single regular student.

We still have three regular Bible School students Monday through Friday. We believe that the regular students will slowly dwindle, and most of the students will want to study in the Weekend School instead. Right now we will operate both systems.

Hat Yai Leadership Seminar



September 1-3, I will hold a three-day seminar for the southern churches in Thailand. The six churches down south that will attend are Hat Yai, Songkla, Krabi,

Phuket, Ko Samui, Lam Thap. There is still a lot of work that needs to be done in the fourteen provinces down south.

The seminar will be broadcast through YouTube during the meeting for the brethren all over Thailand. We first tried the YouTube method when I held a seminar at Omnant Jarong in June. Forty-nine logged in to watch, not only within Thailand but also in America and Norway too. I believe this technology will really help our preaching outreach, and our training, and maturing of the brethren.

Beginning next year, I would like to have a daily Bible study through YouTube for Thais. It is in the planning stage and we hope to have everything set up by December. This will be something that I would like to do every day for the Thai speakers. The nice thing about this method is that it will be free—no paid airtime. We will announce the program in the monthly Thai Gospel Bulletin, which goes to all congregations.