

Thai Tidbits

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Christian Family Seminar

One hundred thirty people from twenty congregations attended the June 17-18 seminar.

This was one of the best seminars we ever had at the Ban Kum Hai Church. Brother Preteep, the director of the Songkla Bible School in southern Thailand and the local preacher there, held the two day seminar on the Christian Family. His lessons are so useful for the Thais because he has never been educated in America so his perspective was pure Thai. He received two bachelor degrees from Thailand's largest Open University—Ramkhamhaeng and also graduated from the Bangkok Bible School thirty-six years ago.

Brother Preteep's lessons were full of Thai examples that fit well with our Thai Christian lifestyle. We taped the lessons, which will later be put on CDs for those who missed his class.

Five Thousand Tracts

A tract left on a rickshaw seat



During the campaigns in Surin, March 7-11, and Amnat Charoen, May 23-27, three instructors and ten students handed out or left more than 5,000 tracts for the people in the two cities. The campaigns are great occasions for the students to practice what they learn and to become accustomed to talking to strangers. The opportunity to knock doors and talk to people prepares the students for more evangelism at the new

congregations they may go out to establish after their graduation. It also helps them to be more zealous for the Lord when they get back to their own local churches.

Thai Songbooks by Norwegian Christians

The brethren in Norway want to help build spiritual maturity in Thai Christians. First, they wanted to pro-

vide free Bibles for new Christians but we have raised sufficient money for that. We normally give the complete Thai Bible—both OT and NT to all new Christians at a cost of about \$11.70 per person. So the Norwegian brethren decided to help in another way by providing songbooks for the new Christians so they can practice singing at home in their own personal devotionals. We have two types of songbooks, one with notes and another with no notes—about \$10.

When every new Christian comes up from water of baptism they will receive a Bible and two songbooks with the date of their baptism inside.

Flood as usual

Traveling by boat in front of the KKBI building



During June 6-9, KKBI, the church building, and our house next to the church were flooded waist high. Our area flooded because the government does not have a draining system

for the road in front of our place. Our family was stuck in the house for three days. The instructors and students had to climb up and over the back fence and stairs we built behind the Bible School.

The local government agency will have to dig up the road, place a huge drainage pipe in the middle and pave the road again, costing 40 million baht (\$1.5 million). The government allotted the money but it is not there... The water has ruined the road in front of the Bible School and Church.

We will suffer a couple more times before the monsoon season is over this year. We hope the government will find the money for the local municipal to construct the draining system and the road next year. They have known of this problem for over twenty years already. A few more years will probably not hurt us. We know what is coming.