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*Kids Camp on the Thai-Karen Border*



*Bible classes begin at ATM*



Dear Family and Friends,

We were supposed to hold off our update until June but we just have too much to share with you! So here is our 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarterly Update a little early – we hope it blesses and encourages you.

We have been blown away by the love, support and generosity from so many of you. You have truly helped bring about the fulfilment of part of God's promise to us and for the ministry to see Haven of Grace Shelter built and begin running. The need for Social Justice is heavy on God's heart for this nation of Thailand and the nations surrounding. Much of the fear, abuse and heartache is covered up by the leaders and governments to save face and yet these injustices continue on and have actually become part of the culture and mindset of the people.

We believe the Kingdom of God wants to take over and set people free. We are battling against more than just the physical, but we are battling against the demonic powers of darkness that are trying to bind and hold people captive, blinding and confusing their minds. We feel called more and more strongly every day to prayer and intercession for our nation. Please stand alongside us as we are believing for a move of God in Thailand that will set people free and cause dramatic change in the society.

With love in Christ,

Pastors Dakhota and Karena and the ATM team



ATM FARM & BUILDING PROJECTS

### ATM Base & Team

Aside from the big Haven of Grace building project happening on base, our team has continued to renovate, upgrade and improve the base facilities ready for our Discipleship Training School to start.

Long has been setting up hydroponics farms around the base and planting fruit trees mainly bananas, passionfruit and papayas ready for the raining season.

Santi and Long have also renovated another old house on base for Long and Bell to stay in so that we can free up the student dorms as students begin arriving.

We have also hired a local company to complete the boundary wall at the back of the property near the student dorms for safety and security of the base and students.

On top of that we have begun building our missions house which will serve to house long term volunteers, teachers and missionaries who come to serve here on the ATM base with us.

We are still needing to renovate the boy's toilets and will probably begin working on that by the end of next month.

So A LOT happening and we would appreciate your prayers and would gladly take any volunteers who might like to come and spend a few weeks giving us a helping hand!





### Mae Ook Hu Border Village

In March we had the privilege of ministering and running workshops at a kids camp along the Karen / Thai border. There were approximately 150 children there. All these children come from Buddhist families and for many it was their first time hearing the Gospel. Tim, Claudia and Autumn helped to organize and run the workshops and taught on creation and Joseph's Story in the Bible. We taught children aged 6-18. It seemed that Joseph was a key message and a highlight was seeing the young teenage men and boys respond to the message and receive prayer.

### KNDO Border School (Karen State)

We also had the joy and privilege of partnering with Michael and Sonia Cook from Tasmania who came over to physically set up a farm and green houses at the border school across in Karen State that we support. This farm will help support nearly 300 children who have come to get an education and stay at the boarding home / school. Without this farm it is a struggle to feed these children every month who are also from poor families. This school is vital for them for their education and future so we were so thrilled that Michael and Sonia came to assist in this way! Also we want to say a HUGE THANK YOU to the YWAM team from New Zealand that came to join us for nearly two weeks. Without their labour and man power we wouldn't have got the farm set up as quickly as we did!

### Local Shan Outreach

This year we began reaching out more to the local Shan families around us. We have now started a regular cell group 20 minutes away at a Shan construction camp where there are around 6 families gathered twice a week. They are opening up more and more and ask us to always pray for them and especially pray for the sick. It is hard ground but we can see God breaking through so are committed to go and share our testimonies and the love of Christ as he leads us.



### Mae La Noi Students Village

Earlier this month we also made a quick visit to encourage some of ATM's past Students. We were so blessed to see all of them as leaders in different areas of their communities, some are pastors, some are social workers, others are teachers and running children's homes. It was especially encouraging to us to hear how their time at ATM truly impacted their lives as they recalled different testimonies of what God did during their time with us. Pastor Timothy specially went along and was able to bring an encouraging word to all of them which lifted their spirits. We feel blessed to reconnect and will partner with them in the future for outreaches to unreached villages in their area.





**THE HAVEN OF GRACE  
BUILDING WILL  
HOUSE RESCUED  
WOMEN AND THEIR  
BABIES**

**Haven of Grace Foundation**

The finish line is in sight! The major construction work is complete and we are currently finishing up on the tiling and electrical and plumbing work. We are now completely funded for the construction, electrical, plumbing and rest of the painting and tiling. What we need now is some furniture and items for the bedrooms and essential kitchen and baby care utensils and equipment. We are also wanting to set up a nursery room for the toddlers.

**THANK YOU!**

We are so blessed to have **David and Tony** with us from Perth Australia. They have helped speed things along and have spent the last week painting all the bedrooms for the Mothers and Babies.



This month we have welcomed two new mums. Maliwan and her three-month old baby boy Noah have been with us for three weeks now. Maliwan's husband left her for another women just as she was giving birth to their second son. Since then Maliwan has struggled to manage with the newborn on her own, with her family in severe poverty and unable to help her care for the baby, she contacted us and arrived early this month. Baby Noah was quite unwell but within a week of being here we were able to get him checked up and receive the medication he needed and he is healthy and completely well now. Maliwan is only 20 years old and has two little boys. Her eldest who is 15 months old is with his father's family and we are trying to get him to come stay with his mother here at Haven of Grace as he is severely malnourished.



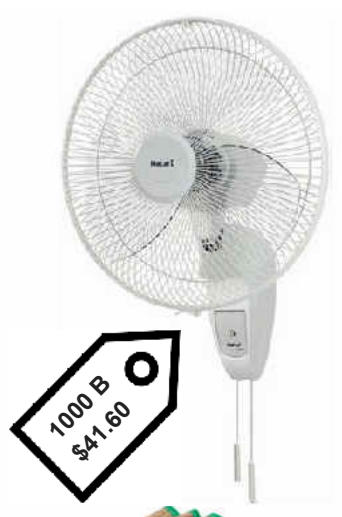
We also received Nong Geaw a week after Maliwan. Geaw is 3 months pregnant and was physically abused by her husband and nearly lost the baby. She has come to us for shelter as she decided to leave the physically and life threatening abusive relationship she was in. Please pray for her as she has a desire to study in our Discipleship Training program and get her life right with God again.

We hope to move them into the new building by the end of next month as space is limited on our base now with students arriving. We need your help to complete the furnishing ready for the mums to move in.

***Please see our fundraiser flyer below and help us spread the word!***

# BUILD - A- ROOM!

Help us set up a "home" for the Mother's and their Babies.  
The cost of setting up one bedroom is 10,240 THB baht which is approximately \$ 420 AUD  
This is a great way to get involved perhaps as a church community, a youth group or as a family you can help us "Build-A-Room" that will become a home for these mothers and babies while they are with us.



## Springrock International Ministry School

As many of you know the Discipleship Training School has been a core part of the vision for ATM. Due to renovations and regrouping we have delayed the restart of the training program here on base for a few years.

We are now excited and praise God that he has given us the go ahead to reopen the school this year!

The school year in Thailand begins in May so we are starting classes on the 21<sup>st</sup> (Yes this Monday!). We now have 10 students and have also opened up the school to international students as all subject will be taught in both English and Thai. The course runs for 2 years which includes 6 months of practical outreach and internship.

Please see the attached information sheets which you will be able to see the course outline and objectives and dates. If you are interested in sponsoring the students or volunteering to teach in any of the practical workshops we would be glad to hear from you. Please contact Karenna [atmdoisaket@gmail.com](mailto:atmdoisaket@gmail.com) or by phone +66848075583.

We also are urgently needing to renovated and repair the old boys bathrooms. Please consider supporting us to provide these students with a good and clean facility.

We are believing God that this is just the beginning of a new season of this ministry of discipleship and raising up a new generation to usher in this coming move of God in Thailand.



NEW  
STUDENTS  
NOW ON BASE





## Current Prayer & Financial Needs:

### Tim & Claudia

Please pray for Tim and Claudia who have had to return urgently to be with Tim's family as his father is in critical condition with cancer. Please pray for Tim's father who is in pain and much discomfort.

### Haven Café

Haven Café which acts as a job training facility and provides work for our rescued mothers and also our students, has relocated to the main street of our local town in Doisaket. We are needing some final touches including an air-conditioner to open the store. Please be praying with us for provision for what's needed as this is a key aspect of helping the mums to gain skills and stand on their own feet. We are needing \$2,000 to set up and open the store.



### Boys Toilets

Most of the renovations on the base are complete. The last thing we are urgently needing is to renovate and redo the plumbing for the boy's student toilets. With students arriving we are needing this urgently for their use. We need \$800 for this.

### Missions House

With the school reopening and volunteers coming to assist on base with the Haven of Grace shelter and Discipleship Training we are needing accommodation to house long term volunteers. Please consider helping us with this project. WE are needing \$10,000 to complete.

**Staff & Volunteers needed - please email us for more information.**

## DONATE:

### Australia

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**(BSB) Branch Number:** 082-748  
**Account Number:** 94-620-5568

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**Bank:** Bangkok Bank  
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