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ATM Students community outreach at Nu's Village



Haven Mother's being baptised at ATM base.



Dear Friends and Family,

We are thinking of you all and pray that this first few months of the year has been blessed for you.

Both of us are constantly amazed and so grateful that the Lord has called us to lead this ministry. It comes with many challenges but the fruit that we believe we are seeing is not shallow rooted but runs deep. In these last 3 months we have been so encouraged as we have received feedback and phone calls from many students, villagers and mothers who have come through ATM/Haven or who we have met on outreach. They all have said how they have felt genuinely loved and how the Lord has truly transformed their lives through the ministry. We give God all the glory as we are merely "jars of clay" but we carry the glory of God and the power of his Spirit in us.



We are excited for this year as the Lord has been directing us and encouraging us that this will be the year of "Accuracy" and "Being set in place". We have been growing as a team in our faith as we continue to seek the Lord not just for his daily direction and provision but also to truly be a part of what he is doing in this nation as a whole.

Thank you for all your prayers and encouragement of us here at Asian Tribal Ministries. We hope that you are blessed and encouraged by the report below.

In Christ's love,

Dakhota and Karena and the ATM Team

Springrock Discipleship Training School

This term the focus was on what it means to be a disciple of Christ and how we are called to make disciples. We have been studying the book of Romans and also looking at each ones gifts and callings. It has been a term where many have been challenged in their relationship and walk with God and come through with a deeper love and understanding of what Christ has done for us and a passion to share that with others.

We were also so blessed to see many of our graduates attend our annual ATM Discipleship School Reunion.

This year over 30 attended and shared their testimonies of how God has continued to lead and guide them and is opening doors for them to influence their villages and communities. Most of them are leaders in some capacity which is awesome to see!



3 NEW STUDENTS WELCOMED THIS TERM





SUPPORTING LOCAL
EVANGELISTS AND PASTORS
WITH BIBLES

Outreach & Evangelism

In January we were able to partner together with a YWAM team which we sent to two of our outreaches bases in the Karen Tribal areas which are run by two of our graduated students from ATM.

They were able to visit and bless Pastor Weerachai in Mae La Noi where they ran a kids camp and also ministered in the church there. And they also visited Nu who is the Assistant Pastor in his village Paka near Chiang Rai, where the ministered to the local farmers.

Pastor Ken Teo and their team from Melbourne also visited Paka to explore ways in which we can help Nu's village in developing their farms to ultimately provide a more consistent income for their family and village.

In May we hope to buy 1,000 coffee plants to help them begin to grow coffee as the market is growing. Later that month we spent more time ministering in their church together with a team from the UK from Karen Action Group where they held a seminar over the weekend. The church members were greatly encouraged and have once again invited us back to share more!

In February we visited Maesot (Thai/Burma Border) where we crossed the border to visit Muey Pu Village where we have been consistently working in over the last 4 years. The farm project is running well and we were able to bless the children there with some treats and clothing and also some Bibles for the new believers that excepted Christ from our outreach there in October last year.



FIRST VISIT TO NEW
VILLAGE IN POP PRA

Tim and our team also went back a few weeks later to help build some toilets and provide supplies for a kitchen for the children's home in Muey Pu. They worked together with the young high school students teaching them how to use some power tools that they had never seen or used before!

We also visited a new village across the border from Pop Pra, where there is a children's home and school that we plan to support further throughout this year.



OVER 200
GRADUATES OF
OBC IN YANGON
MYANMAR

Dakhota and Karena were given the opportunity to represent ATM at an OBC graduation in Yangon where they spoke and ministered at the seminar and also at the local church there called Immanuel Yuzanna Baptist Church, which was a great reunion and reconnection with Pastor Saw and his wife Pastor Sunlight. We are excited to see how God will direct us further as we continue to partner with them to reach out in Burma.



Our last outreach of this term was to visit Pastor Lah and Ban Pa Lai church. Our students ministered by leading worship and sharing their testimonies and Dakhota and Karena were able to bring a timely message of encouragement as the church members have been going through some trials.



Haven of Grace

This year we have helped to house and provide support and training for 8 young mothers. 4 of the women gave their hearts to Jesus and we had the privilege of baptizing 2 of the women and have since started the Alpha Course in Thai which we hold with them every Monday evening which encourages discussion and allows them to ask any questions they have.



We also were delighted to hold our first Haven Baby Dedication where 5 of the babies were dedicated and blessed as we prayed for them and for their mothers.

HAVEN BABY
DEDICATION

This month we have also been busy setting up a daycare facility including both indoor and outdoor spaces. We hope for this to be a further support for the mothers at haven and also for our ATM staff to provide a safe place for the children and opportunity for them to grow in their early development.



Team & Volunteers

Since January we have said goodbye to 3 of our team and welcomed 2 new team members.

Long and Bell and their little girl Ilene have moved back to their village to spend time ministering to Bell's family and begin a ministry to the children in their village. We still keep in close touch with Long coming to teach hydroponics each term to our students and also joining on outreaches throughout the year as needed.

P Dtong our social worker will also be very missed as she had to leave due to family reasons but continues to offer her support through telephone and messaging.

We have welcomed in two interns Jo and Wi - who have been a great blessing in helping us on outreach and looking after the farms and others project on base. They also study in the discipleship school and area involved in our base ministry to the mothers and the students.



We also have had some wonderful volunteers join us and want to especially thank Anna, Laura, Sarah and Rachel for coming to spend 2 months with us to specifically help us set up the Haven Day Care which included everything from painting to cleaning to planning and preparing and even running the daycare in their final 2 weeks here. We have been so blessed to have you all here and thank you for all your hard work!

Also a big thankyou to Tony and Elaine who came to give us a hand for a week on our missions house and Elaine was able to teach the women some sewing.

Thank you also to Ps Ken and Carol Teo and the team from CLIC Church Melbourne.

And thank you to David and Beryl Lewis and the team from Devon, UK for supporting our work with the Karen people.

There are still plenty of needs and opportunity for volunteers to come and be a part of a project here with us at ATM. If you are interested and feel that you have a skill you can offer, please send us an email as we would love to hear from you.



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Prayer Points & Current Needs...

Some prayer points and current needs we have are listed below. If you feel led to help and be involved or become our prayer support, please let us know and we look forward to hearing from you.

1. Please pray for those who are new believers on base as we continue to disciple them.
2. We are needing some items for our school as we get more students. We need another projector costing about 15,000 THB
3. We are also needing some regular support for 4 local Pastors who are outreach leaders in their area and working together with us. We would like to support them up to 5,000 THB per month each.
4. Pray for Dakota and Karennu who are still believing for their airfares to be able to travel to visit family in Australia who they have not seen for 2 years. They are needing \$5,000 AUD to cover passport renewals and return airfares. They plan to stay in Australia until the end of May and return in time for the opening of the Discipleship Training School in the first week of June.
5. One of the biggest needs we have at the moment is for more long term volunteers who can commit up to 3 months volunteering to help run our Haven Day Care and also assist Karennu in the office with Accounting and other Admin.

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