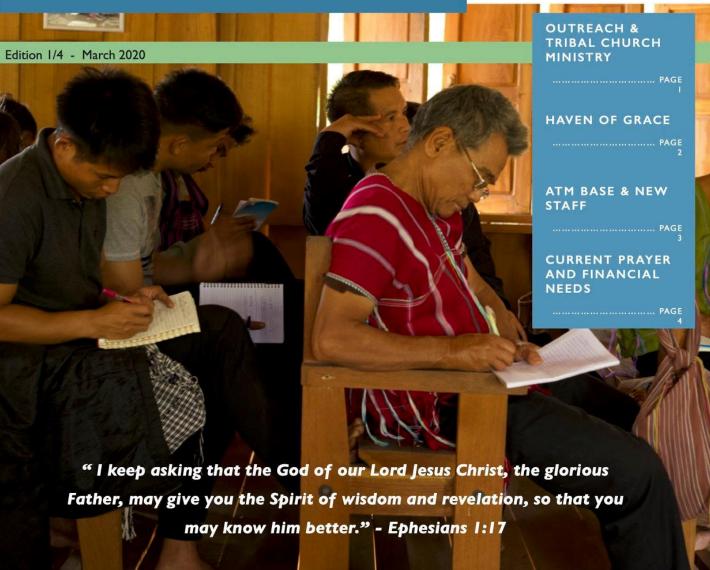
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NEWSLETTER







Naw Lah running workshops for kids in the village



Thank You! Tim, Charlene & Jeremiah who came to volunteers with us for 5 weeks.

Outreach & Events

We started off this year with a time of prayer and fasting for the whole team and the words that we were getting make so much sense now with all that is happening around the world.

The Lord was speaking to all of us about trusting him in greater ways and surrendering to him as we face what we will face this year knowing he is sovereign and his plans and will for us are unchanging.

In January our team were privileged to be a part of Victory Church Mae Ai who host a conference every year for local pastors and leaders along the northern border of Thailand and Burma. Dakhota was one of the main interpreters and Autumn and Jacob were able to serve on the worship team. Santi and some of our other team members also helped with some jobs here and there and we were all greatly blessed by the words and time in worship.

In February our team was also asked to help out with another large youth conference along the Thai Burma border south west of Chiang Mai in Maesot with over 500 youth.

Dakhota helped to interpret for the visiting speakers and Autumn and Jacob joined the worship team.

We feel so privileged to be able to collaborate with other ministries with oneness of heart and vision and use our gifts and talents to be a blessing for others.



Over the last 3 months our team has made it a priority to visit and encourage the Tribal Pastors and support their ministries in the remote mountain areas. They have asked us to host seminars in their churches, to teach and disciple and bring encouragement to the villagers.

Many of these Pastors are weary and in need of much support and the testimonies from our time visiting each place has been so positive and a blessing to them as they start out this new year with fresh revelation from the Word and a revived passion for their ministries and churches.

We were able to bring along with us some practical necessities and basic living supplies for these leaders and their families as many have devoted their lives to live in these remote areas to continues to preach the Gospel to unreached villages.

We thank Ps Greg and Riverside team who were able to join us on one of the trips and were such a blessing ministering to these churches.

Also we were so blessed to have Pastors Gladwyn and Helen from Sydney with us to also minister and encourages one of our past students and their ministry to unreached Karen villages.



Victory Church Pastors Conference 2020



Below: Ignite Youth Camp 2020







Haven of Grace - Mothers & Babies Shelter











In the last 2 months we have welcomed two new women who both have 2 young children.

Bai Thuoe (*Photo to the left*) is only 18 years old and has 3 young children. The eldest is in a government children's home for disabled children. She brought her two younger sons aged 3 and 1, with her to be with us at Haven of Grace.

Bai Thuoe is a victim of severe domestic violence. She was orphaned at a young age and was married to a much older man when she was 13 years old. She has suffered such hardship and violence until finally a neighbour called the police despite threats from her husband.

She was then taken to a government shelter for women and has since been transferred to us to be in a safe place to recover and restart her life. She is a great mother and loves her boys. She has only this week just given her life to Jesus since being here for nearly a month. She is hopeful that she will be able to start fresh and desires to learn all she can to make a living for her self to provide for her little family.

Ploy (Photo to the left) arrived also about a month ago. Having faced domestic violence from her husband who was drunk and who also attacked her eldest daughter Nida who is 6, she decided to call the police who took her to the government women's shelter.

Since then she was also transferred to Haven of Grace with her daughter Nida and her youngest son David who is 1 year old.

Ploy is a christian and so is her husband who is now receiving counselling. Ploy plans to be with us for 6 months with the hope that God will help restore her marriage and the family can come back together after changes are made.

Why are we sharing their stories with you? Because this is why we do what we do. These women are in their most vulnerable state and with small children in tow. We believe God's heart is for them when their world seems to be falling a part and he comes in and scoops them up in his arms and gives them a safe haven to rest and restore.

Our weekly Monday night devotionals and Wednesday night services are where their lives are touched and impacted by the Word of God. We are seeing each of the women who come to Haven experience an encounter with Jesus receiving him into their hearts. This is all we want to see as we know Jesus is the only one that can truly heal and free them from their pain and change the course of their future.

Thank you for standing with us and praying for this particular ministry under ATM and supporting the women god has given into our care.

For the last 2 weeks due to the outbreak of the corona virus ATM has been on lock down for the safety of the babies and women and two of the staff who are pregnant.

But we have made the most of the situation continuing to work on improving the base and projects that have been unfinished due to lack of time because of our focus on outreach the last few months.

We have set up our chapel room now where we worship every Wednesday night. We also have a local church Abba Church that comes to run their Sunday morning services there which we are blessed to join and be a part of.

We have put in proper car park areas for safety and limiting vehicles around the children.

We have worked on our missions house for volunteers to make it a comfortable and self manageable place to stay for those who come to stay and help for long periods of time.

The vegetable gardens and farm are increasing to provide for self sustaining resources especially in times like this.

We also decided due to the current situation to close our cafe and move it to the base to be available for our team and residents on the base to enjoy.

Our team are in good spirits and we have actually started up exercising together every evening again!











Kru Keam



P' Lin



Welcoming New Staff

Last year we began to believe God for 3 more staff members to come on board with specific skills in education, admin , accounting, project management and social work.

God has answered our prayers! These three ladies are a joy to know and work with. They have brightened up our office and are professionally helping us to handle and manage a lot of work!

Let us introduce you to

P'In (ATM Administrations Manager and Bookkeeper)

P'Lin (Haven of Grace Case Manager - Social Worker)

Kru Keam (Haven Day Care Early Development Teacher)

Pray for them as they settle into their roles and take on the growing workload at ATM and Haven.

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Current Prayer and Financial Needs

Firstly we want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of you who have donated funds to buy Bibles and help us pack practical necessary items for pastors and leaders in remote areas.

- As we also are praying for you all for safety and protection during this time.
- Pray for wisdom as we counsel and minister to very broken and abused women at Haven.
- Pray for our local tribal pastors and leaders who are facing hardship due to closing of provincial borders and who rely on the sale of the produce of their farms as a source of income.
- We are needing sponsorship for the two new mothers and their children who have just recently arrived at Haven.
- We need to complete projects for staff housing on base as our team grows.
- Media equipment to help us as we go live to minister to our Fire Campers, Students and Local Partners during this time.

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