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ATM September Update

It has been a while since our last update. Our team are stretched thin with the enormity of the work at hand. The urgent need for aid, meetings with leaders and outreaches have taken the forefront and tasks such as update videos, social media and newsletters have unfortunately fallen behind as we only have so many hands. However, God has been faithful and has been our strength through the past months.

Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes

January - August overview

Since January our team have been on what seems to be endless trips to the border. We have mainly been going to an area past Mae sot a further 3-4 hours to where over 400 refugees have fled from their villages to escape air raids from Burmese military planes. Many have attempted to return home and many have fled from new areas, thus creating a consistent and urgent need to take supplies before raining season.

What we found when we arrived at the site was more than we expected. Hidden in a forest were tarps pulled over bamboo structures to make simple tents where anywhere between a family of 6 to a group of 50 were all staying together in various sized makeshift shelters. What shocked us the most was the amount of young children who were living in the IDP camp. Of course we knew that there had been children who had to flee as well but to see the number of young children that we saw was disturbing. We travelled back to Chiangmai and within a week we organized packs enough for 400 people, including 150 packs for children, and rushed straight back to the border to deliver the supplies to the people. The packs included necessities such as soaps, toothpaste and toothbrushes, washing powder, baby powder, lotion and donated clothing. The teams were also able to take more rice, oil, instant noodles and other food items. We had a last minute donation made before we left of childrens shoes and soft toys. This ended up being such a blessing to the young kids who were there, many of whom did not have a pair of shoes and we had just enough for the majority of the kids.

Another last minute donation allowed us to leave behind enough funds for permanent shelters to be built that will house hundreds of people through the raining season. We are so grateful for the overwhelming goodness of God. Each donation that was given was perfect for what was needed. As we saw the group of people who came to receive the packs we were handing out we truly believed that what we had brought would not be enough, but every pack was handed out and every person received one with enough left over for any newcomers that might have come in the days following.



Half of our group headed back to their base in Bangkok a night earlier which ended up being a wise decision as our car, being the only 4wd vehicle was the one that remained. Despite the fact it was a 4wd, our city tires were unable to get any grip on the slick mud and thankfully a man who was walking saw us get stuck and helped to call a tractor to pull us out. This last trip highlighted the need for upgrades on our car, such as all-terrain tires, especially with the early onset of raining season, so we quickly started on the upgrades as soon as we got back to Chiang Mai to make sure that we are prepared to go back in as soon as we can. Since our final trip, raining season has fully set in and we have had to stop any aid deliveries as the roads are too dangerous. Also due to the escalation of things on the border, our team could no longer safely go in.



We want to say a huge thank you to the team that came from Life Inverell to journey with us the many hours to the border area to see first-hand what is happening. Thank you for your patience and your trust in us and for partnering with us during this time. Your words of encouragement and spirit of worship and prayer that you brought was an immense blessing not just to us but also to the Karen people along the border.

We are so happy to have Dr. Rebecca back at ATM base after nearly 6 months away in Australia due to personal reasons. Since she has been back we have been discussing what our plans are for the remainder of the year. Having her back has also allowed us to catch up on many things so we are thankful for her return.

We also praise God for seeing our team through a wave of Covid that hit Ps Timothy, Ps Rebecca and Autumn upon their return to Chiang Mai recently. Although we are grateful for the much needed rest, we are also happy to be back on our feet and going at full speed with Fire Camp just around the corner.

In between trips to the border, our team has been doing what little we can with our small budget to upkeep and make necessary renovations on the base.



ATM Base

The last couple of years things have been quite quiet at the base as 2 years ago we were only left with 2 team members. This meant that all of our efforts had to be focused outside the base on outreach and aid deliveries as priority.

Our current urgent needs on base are renovations in order to reopen the DTS and also host events such as Fire Camp, Worship conferences, our student reunion and many others. We need to update our toilet blocks which haven't been updated in many years. Every event we have had recently has highlighted the main problem being not enough toilet and shower facilities.



We also need to update several of the original buildings. During raining season we have had to temporarily fix many of the ceilings experiencing leakage and also electrical and structural problems.

2 years ago we were also left with completely no furnishings in any of the buildings on the base which is one of the major reasons we have not restarted the school yet. We currently need to refurnish the dorms with beds, mattresses, tables, chairs, desks, wardrobes, dressers or anything for the students. We are praying and believing that God will provide to enable us to reopen the school soon.

Our major faith goal is to renovate our main hall at the center of ATM base. We are believing to be able to glass in the hall, refurnish it and most importantly to be able to get livestream and sound equipment, as well as a stage and instruments. This would greatly enhance our capacity to embrace what God has already started to do here at ATM. Please pray and believe with us that we will be able to see this as a reality in the very near future.

ATM's vision has always been preaching the Gospel, evangelism to remote areas, discipleship and worship. Even with very little in our hands God has still moved in these areas. Thailand, despite having such a large presence of Christian ministries and churches, still sits at under 2% of the country recognizing themselves as Christian. We truly believe that what Thailand needs the most is the presence of God. We believe that there is a move of God coming to Thailand and although we may not look very active right now, what we are preparing for is to be ready and available when God moves. Our heart is to once again create a place that prioritizes and values the presence of God. To create a place where worship and prayer is constant and where everything else flows out of that place of sitting at His feet.

Update on the Burma Crisis

Heartbreakingly, despite all of Dr. Timothy's efforts to speak between all sides, the situation on the border only continues to escalate. Recent reports from friends of ours along the border is that air raids are becoming more and more frequent and have come close enough that even on the Thai side of the border things are dangerous.

It has also been reported that helicopters loaded with Burmese Soldiers have been seen flying over Karen areas, dropping off foot soldiers who go on to murder, rape and burn defenseless civilian villages. It is truly a David and Goliath battle as Karen soldiers give their lives fighting with the little ammunition they have against the endless onslaught and bottomless resources of the Burmese military. The only word that can describe the horror of what is taking place is 'evil'. It is no longer about prejudice, racism or genocide. The Burmese military come even against their own people.

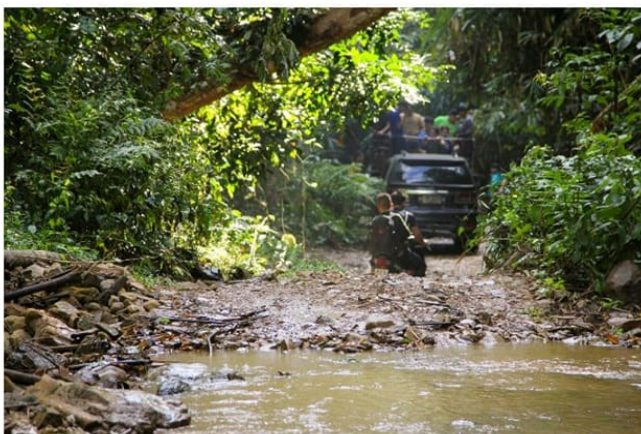


Drs. Timothy and Rebecca have had to focus on regaining their strength and health as after 40 years of giving their lives to help the people, their own needs have taken a backseat. We pray that God will provide a way for both of them to have a space which allows them to rest and recuperate.

Please pray with us that we will continue to be able to help the multitude of people in desperate need but also that God will bring the right people to the table to resolve this crisis once and for all.

2022 Outreaches

On the 15th of December we will be going into the same village we visited earlier this year with the YWAM team from Brazil. This village is very remote and is entirely buddhist and animist. From the relationships we built on our last trip, we pray and believe that this Christmas we will see many come to know the Lord and that God will use this village as a doorway to go even further in and reach people who have never heard the Gospel before. Pastor Weerachai has been fervent in his efforts to reach these people, even through the dangers of raining season. We want to support him as much as we possible can. Pray for provision and for a good solid team to be able to go in and give the very best for this upcoming Christmas outreach..



Fire Camp



One of the biggest blows to us during COVID is that we have not been able to host an onsite Fire Camp in nearly 2 years. The last onsite camp we had was in 2020 and was hosted here at ATM base. Nearly 400 kids attended and God moved in such a miraculous way.

2021 we held our first ever Livestreamed Fire Camp. What we thought was a failure, God used in an incredible way. Testimonies from the leaders were that the kids ministered to each other. Praying over each other, seeing depression, anxiety, and trauma broken over their friends. God

is good and to see this next generation of young people rising up is so incredible to witness. We truly believe this camp not only changes the lives of these young people, but that it is the key to seeing a move of God in the Youth of Thailand.

We are currently less than 2 months out from Fire Camp 2022. We initially thought that we would have to cancel the camp this year due to lack of people and lack of funds but God has made it very clear that He still wants us to go forward with the running of the camp. Once we received that confirmation and assurance to go ahead, we started to move. With currently only \$100AUD in our Fire Camp account we are not phased or wavered. We do what God has placed in our hands and He will bring the provision as He has always done every year. Our goal is to raise 10,000USD to be able to cover not only the cost of running the camp, but also to help towards transport for many of the groups that would otherwise not be able to come. This amount would also enable us to build a shower block so that there are enough shower facilities for the kids this year.

In breaking this down, for 400 kids if each kid was sponsored for 25USD, that amount would cover the 4 days of the camp including their accommodation, food, gift packs, and all the activities of the camp.

Please pray and believe with us that we will be able to see each child's full costs covered for this camp to give them the absolute best that we can give.

We have organized the camp this year to fall on the final week of school holidays. Why we believe that this timing is so important is because the fire that they experience at Fire Camp will be unleashed just as they head back into their schools. It is a strategic timing that will see a revival start in this next generation. Our theme this year is Unashamed. And that is exactly what we believe God will ignite in this group of young people. That they will head out unashamed into their schools, with the power of the gospel in their hearts and in their mouths.



Message from the Founders

Dear Friends, Family and Partners,

Greetings once again from Chiang Mai.

The message I felt to share today is Faith vs Fear.

What often hinders us from pursuing the Will of God for our lives, is Fear. We are not alone in this, the great Bible heroes also faced fear. The opposite of Fear is Faith. God's response to our fear is to give us His Grace to replace our fear with Faith. The Lord is very patient with us and will wait for us to respond to His Will.

Elijah, who called fire down from Heaven, his greatest weakness was fear.

1 Kings 18 – Faith. 1 Kings 19 – Fear. God then gives His response. Elijah's obedience that follows overcomes his fear.

Jonah, ran from the Lord. The Lord follows Jonah, creates a storm to bring him to his senses. God still provides for him and watches over him until he comes around. When Jonah finally obeys, God saves a whole nation. Even when Jonah gets angry with God, God still provides for him.

Moses, raised in Pharaoh's court, eloquent and confident yet when called by God, he was living in fear and had lost all his natural abilities. His encounter with God can be found in Exodus 3-4.

However, if we cross the line with God by giving too many excuses as to why we can't do what He asks of us, God will express his anger as He did with Moses. Exodus 4:14

Fear comes when we try to do things in our own strength. When we think we are alone.

Obedience to God breeds Faith

Faith breeds Confidence, Grace, Favour and Blessing.

How we know we are in God's will, is when there is no struggle. God requires us to make sacrifices from time to time, but He always goes before us whenever we are in His Will. There is no Fear when God is present. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. 2 Cor 3:17.

In conclusion, let us be reminded of Deuteronomy 28. Verse 2 states: 'All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the Lord your God.' (NIV) Also in Matthew 6:25-34 it tells us not to worry about what we will eat or drink or what clothes we will wear because God takes care of everything we need, if we seek Him and obey Him.

We are forever grateful to you all who partner with us in the work here. Thank you for standing with us and supporting us in so many different ways. We always remember you in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate you more than you know.

May the Lord bless you to overflowing as you remain faithful to Him. All by God's Grace,

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Current needs and prayer points



- For the upcoming Christmas outreach on the 15th of Dec
- For the funds needed to run Fire Camp this year and also for God to spark a revival in the young people of this generation
- For the situation in Burma and along the border that God will continue to provide the needs for the people to survive and most of all for lasting peace
- Urgent renovations on base