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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

The Laklem Family

Pastors Timothy and Rebecca have been reunited this year and are living on the ATM base in Doisaket, Chiangmai.

Autumn, Tamara and Jacob are also living on the ATM base. Jacob is planning to further his studies in Australia once borders open. Autumn and Tamara will be involved as part of the ATM team in the coming year.

Gabriel, Ellysha and Tiffani are still in Australia.

Gabriel and Daphne hope to be reunited next year and will be planning their wedding!

Tiffani is continue her studies and will also be doing some army training as part of her program.

Ellysha is continuing on in her Law degree on the Gold Coast in Australia and will be visiting Thailand once borders reopen. She hopes to intern with the UN along the Thai / Karen border as part of her studies.



Impact of COVID19 in Thailand

Overall the situation of Covid 19 in Thailand has been relatively contained. With a total to date of 5,289 cases nationwide and 60 deaths. The main impact has been on the tourist industry which is the country's main income source. Small local businesses have managed to continue but the main income source which has always been tourism even local tourism has been hindered and effected many jobs and businesses.

It has been surreal to see some of the main areas in our city which are usually bustling now so quiet and empty.

The people are generally compliant and cooperate well with the authorities working together to contain any outbreaks in the community which has resulted in shorter quarantine periods allowing people to get back on their feet quicker.

The main concern now is the outbreak in Myanmar and surrounding countries now coming across into Thailand. Thailand borders 3 main countries that have had more severe outbreaks and the risk of borders being breached is high.

The main challenge we face as ministers is to help people through their feelings of fear and anxiety. But we are seeing a greater openness to the Gospel for comfort peace and answers to this pandemic.



ATM Base Prep

Haven of Grace has fully moved off ATM base. Dakota and Karena have been able to secure a new location to shelter and run the Haven of Grace project.

The last few months the team have been cleaning, repairing and repainting the big building and main hall ready to receive our new intake of students for the Discipleship Training School due to reopen next year in 2021.

The base is looking well maintained and Ps Timothy will be sharing some plans of revamping some of the facilities to better accommodate the Discipleship school students and training program.

Ps Rebecca is preparing the new office and setting up the curriculum ready for the new student intake.



Outreaches



Early in December, we were invited to a village near Mae La Noi, the home village of one of our ATMDTS graduates who is now a respected leader in his village. Ps Weerachai invited Ps Timothy to speak at their Christmas Event, where over 500 people had gathered. Many of the young people there had come with Ps Weerachai to Fire Camp at ATM earlier. They all expressed how they enjoyed Ps Timothy's message at the camp and wanted him to speak again. While we were there, many of our former students and graduates came up to greet us. We were able to see first-hand the fruit of the many years we had invested in the ATMDTS in the past. Ps Weerachai's elderly uncle shared with us how he travels around many of the nearby villages. In each village, he asked the pastor or leader there, where they had studied. They all responded ATMDTS. We have received numerous requests to relaunch the ATMDTS (Asian Tribal Ministries Discipleship Training School). These former graduates all want to send their young people to train with us.



Another blessing was several people coming up and saying they remember our work along the Thai/Burma border. Tharamu Rosebell, in particular, reminisced about how when there was the influx of refugees from the Karen land into Thailand many years ago, Ps Timothy and Rebecca and our family were there distributing much needed milk powder to the orphaned children and babies under her care.



On the 26-27 December, we will also be going to another ATMDTS graduate's Children's home. Ps Timothy will also be speaking there. Again, the young people who came to Fire Camp, were blessed by Ps Timothy's message and want to hear him speak again. God's message of Good News, is being heard. It is so refreshing to hear of the fruit of our labour for the Lord.



We want to thank everyone who has partnered with us in reaching out to these remote areas. Looking back over the years. We remember you all with great fondness, working side by side and giving generously so we were enabled to achieve much together in advancing God's Kingdom.

2021 is now clearly on the horizon, and we are excited about what God has in store.



Fire Camp 2020

This year despite the effects of Covid we saw 350 youth show up at our annual youth Fire Camp.

Over 50 received Christ and were baptized on the same night! Many were touched, healed and set free from bondages.

We were encouraged to see the growth and confidence of the youth that have come each year for the last 5 years.

We had 3 new villages bring their youth. They are from remote Karen villages and were the first in their village to hear the Gospel!

We were so blessed to see the hunger these youth expressed and many responded to various alter calls of the call of God.

We were blessed by speakers who have been working here in Thailand for many years and they brought powerful words in season for the youth.

Ps Timothy and Rebecca were also able to share some insights and wisdom with the leaders who brought the youth and they were very blessed.

The testimonies continue to come in of how God has touched the lives of these youth and how they are going back to their churches and villages with a fire and hunger for God.

Thank you so standing with us in prayer as we saw the Lord move powerfully upon the youth.

We also saw the local leaders and team members step out more boldly to minister to their own people.

We will continue to followup on the youth and encourage them as they continue on.



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Current Prayer and Financial Needs

Some of our goals and events for 2021 are:

(Dates to be announced)

- OUTREACHES TO REMOTE AREAS
- ATMDTS STUDENT REUNION
- RELAUNCH OF ATMDTS
- WORSHIP SEMINARS
- FIRE CAMP FOLLOW-UPS
- FIRE CAMP 2021
- CHRISTMAS OUTREACHES

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Prayer Points and Needs:

- Pray for good health and strength to Ps Timothy and Rebecca, and all our family and team.
- Pray for choice people to join our ATM permanent Team.
- Pray for God's provision of financial support for our Team and outreaches
- Pray for supply of equipment for both the ATMDTS and Fire Camp.
- Pray for provision of Musical Instruments and Sound equipment for the ATM Worship Team.

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR FAITHFUL PARTNERSHIP WITH US.

THANK YOU FOR KEEPING US IN YOUR PRAYERS!

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