

Asian Tribal Ministries

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Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand.



The whole world has been thrown a curve-ball with CoVid-19. It has affected every person on the Globe in every sector and aspect of life. It has changed the way we do things and our viewpoint on life in general. It has forced us all to a full-stop and has made us re-evaluate what is important to us. The world is in 're-set' mode. It has brought out the worst and the best in all of us and for many it has brought immense tragedy and fear. There has been not one person this pandemic has not impacted in one way or another. As we all soldier-on, let us not forget that behind each daily statistic, is a person, a family, a loved one, a son, a daughter, a mother, a father, a grandparent, a friend. More than ever we need to look beyond ourselves and our own unique circumstances to a whole world in need. It starts with reaching out to one person beyond yourself. A neighbour, a random person you meet on the street, a family who are struggling or who are separated due to travel bans, a young person who has now had their future hopes turned upside down. A kind act, a word of encouragement, a smile - these seemingly insignificant gestures can make a big difference.

Here in Thailand, on the surface, it appears they have won the war with CoVid with very little daily cases. People are no longer in lockdown or on curfew, people are going about daily lives almost as if CoVid never happened. The only stark reminder is the mandatory face-masks in public, safety barriers in schools and restaurants, with signs to remind us of hygiene practices and social-distancing. Borders are still closed and strictly monitored for safety. Travel bans and compulsory quarantines are now the new normal.

Yet underneath, the economy is flailing, people are smarting from inner turmoil. People of all ages are needing to see a light at the end of the dark tunnel. They need Jesus. He is the Light, the Life, the Way and the Truth.

A big shout out and thank you to all of you who have been with us through the thick and thin throughout the years, standing with us and our family, and the work the Lord is doing through ASIAN TRIBAL MINISTRIES. It is with your support and prayers that we are here today. Looking back over the 35+ years. There have been many faces and hearts that have sown into this expression of God's love, mercy, and grace to this region of the world. We want to acknowledge each and every one of you.

THANK YOU SO MUCH! GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS BE ON YOU ALL.

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