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YIELDING FRUIT

The three-day training seminar that Preacher Subin Chiangnoon on May 3-6, 2009 at Mae Angkhang Church in Omkol yields fruit. The brethren had been taught, encouraged, and challenged to continue to live as witnesses to the community. Through the follow up work of Preachers Jann Kunglong and Sirisak Puje five people are now ready to be baptized. Please pray that after they are baptized they will continue to study his Word.

BIBLE SCHOOL STUDENT

We began to send Mr. Somchai Sengsee to a Bible school two years ago. Somchai is a son of Preacher Yota Sengsee, the minister of Muangngam Church in Doi Saket District, Chiangmai province. He is now able to assist his father in ministering with Muangnam Church. The leadership of the church is now planning to replace the present grass roof and bamboo house or worship with a wider and more permanent building to accommodate the increasing number of Sunday worshippers and to avoid having it repaired every year. Please pray for the father and son teamwork and the planned construction of the new house of worship.

DEDICATION (top to bottom):

- The dedication service was held under 4 tents
- 150 people came to join in the celebration of God's goodness and greatness!
- Virgilio and others cutting the ribbon
- Esther thanking each one's presence
- Children and adults posed with the foundation's sign board

NURSERY (next page):

- The exterior of the building
- Virgilio, Esther, and minister, Pratom, inspecting the interior
- A small yard in front

A GREAT DAY

Thank you for your prayers for the dedication service of the S.A.L.T. Ministries Foundation, the property, and new facilities for the Children's Home on May 8. It was a great sunny day, enabling many people to come to celebrate this joyful occasion with us.

James led the worship service with Esther, Hannah & Nerrie as instrumentalists and praise team singers. Preacher Prathom shared with the audience about the mission work of S.A.L.T. Ministries Inc. tracing it from our coming to Thailand in 1970 to the present, which culminated to the founding of S.A.L.T. Ministries Foundation. Of course, everything was made possible through the help and guidance of the Lord and the support of churches and individuals that believe in the holistic approach of sharing the Good News. In his message, Evangelist Prayong Muangtha, encouraged us to continually persevere for the benefit of children who are under our care.

Virgilio cut the ribbon together with the town mayor, and the vice-chairman of the foundation and offered the dedicatory prayer for the land and the new facilities together with David Filbeck and Acharn Subin Chiangnoon. Acharn Utit Areeyat offered the opening and closing prayers. William "Bill" Yoder of Payap University pronounced the benediction. In closing, Esther thanked everyone's participation in the dedication service. John Mark was our official photographer.



DEVELOPMENT ON THE NURSERY/DAY CARE CENTER

The lease on the present building which houses the church meeting place, offices for Dawn of Life Christian Church, S.A.L.T. Ministries, Inc., S.A.L.T. Ministries Foundation, and a Sunday school room will expire in September 2009. The plan now is to move out completely before the heavy rains come.

The multi-purpose building has room only for the church worship service but there's no room for the children's Sunday school and office spaces. So there arose an urgent need for another building to meet an important need of Christian education for the children and office spaces.

On May 19, 2009, the construction of another building commenced through part of another bank loan. One third of the building is allocated for office spaces and two-thirds will be for Sunday school rooms or Junior church. From Monday to Friday, the Sunday school rooms will be used as Nursery/Day Care Center for 1-3 years old children from the community as an outreach strategy. Please pray for us as we face more financial responsibilities.

We believe that the bank loans we made to purchase the property and build more facilities are very necessary so our ministries will bear more fruit. Also, there will be community awareness of our presence and what we are trying to do to impact lives of many, both young and old.



MORE YOUTH, MORE POWER! (news from Hannah)

God has amazingly blessed our church with a number of new young people. Since the academic year began in May, eight new youth are attending the church regularly. Along with this, Pongsak, an "older youth" has returned from work internship to help me take care of the youth ministries. We have been so excited with the increase of youth, and the young people have been eager and diligent in holding consistent activities.

James, Chai, and Parn are three teen boys from Buddhist families. We are reaching out to them through the ministry of music, as their goal is to become musicians. I meet with them weekly to help them in practicing their instruments. Praise God, they have been faithful in attending church and the youth activities. Please pray for them, and the other new members, that they may be touched by God's love and for the youth and I as we minister to them.

On June 27th, twenty-four of us, including our minister, Pratom, travelled to a nearby district for a one-day retreat. Besides from traveling by trucks, we also had to take a boat ride to get us to our destination, a floating raft in a dam. We spent the whole day fellowshiping, sharing, worshipping, playing games, fishing, relaxing, and meeting to discuss and plan the youth ministries until the end of this year. I led the group in sharing and team-building activities, and several other youth used their leadership talents in making our time together a fun and successful day. Please continue to pray for us that we may be able to win more souls to Christ through our witness and ministries.



IN "CANAAN"

The children arrived May 3 to get ready for May 8th's dedication of the land and of the Children's Home. They helped clean the building thoroughly, organized the rooms, put their stuff in place, rehearsed songs and dances for the big event. PTL! Everything went well!

From the 18 residents in the Home last year, three of them didn't come back due to personal/family reasons. One of them moved out to attend another school which included room and board. However, ten children joined the Home this year, which makes a total of 24 children. These ten children used to stay in the Home a year ago. They are children with parents positively infected with HIV virus. The houseparent asked our foundation to take and help the children for she cannot support the children on her own. Since we had invested time and effort in their lives, we felt that we cannot turn them away. We believe that the Lord helped us to look at them with His compassionate eyes. We took them in because we fully know that the Lord will not forsake this ministry with the underprivileged children even in these crucial times. Jehovah Jireh!

Thank you much for your prayers, encouragement and partnership. To donate, checks may be made out to S.A.L.T. Ministries, Inc., c/o Donna Fenchel, P.O. Box 58145, Jacksonville, FL 32241

Serving With You,

Virgilio & Esther de los Santos

YOUTH RETREAT:
Enjoying the boat ride / Youth working on team-building activity / Chai & James / Group pose



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