

Burkey Beacon

Student Ministry in Macedonia

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*"This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."
- Jesus' words recorded in John 15:8*

Wow, Summer in Thailand! For our family's needs right now, I think we could not have spent our summer in a better way. We trusted the Lord to help our kids grow in their faith and confidence in sharing it, but we had no idea how much Amy and I would learn about special needs of missionary children and how much we'd enjoy sharing our faith with Thai students side by side with Thai Cru staff and our kids!

We were praying Isaiah 9:2 for the Thai people during our trip and continue to do so. Please join us in praying, since Thailand is 10th on the list for the "Country with largest number of unevangelized people." 26,509,177 Thai people are unexposed to the light of Jesus.



**The people walking in darkness have seen a great light;
on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.
Isaiah 9:2**

Actually the number of unevangelized should be reduced by at least 603 people because that is how many spiritual conversations that our project had just on campus with Thai students. 66 of those students prayed to put their faith in Jesus for their salvation. They and other spiritually interested students are already being followed up by our Thai staff serving on their campus full time. The Thai staff really emphasize becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ and mentorship. The Thai students were so easy to start conversations with and were very open to discuss and consider spiritual things. Praise the Lord! We also had opportunities to speak of Christ at orphanages and retirement homes.



Sofa(an MK), Thai student, Bas-Thai Staff, Lauren

Lauren: "On our first day of campus ministry, I talked with a Thai girl in her senior year of college (pictured at left). During that conversation, she accepted Christ and wanted to see us again later and get a Bible. The next day, when we saw her again, we gave her a Bible and invited her to church. She was very interested and even said that she would like to get rid of all the idols in her room. It was great to see how much her heart had changed."

Seth: "Going to Thailand, I expected sharing my faith to be very difficult. But, with a little training and instruction, it became much simpler. Like for example "Soularium." It is a pack of 50 artistic picture cards that are helpful when we try to get to know someone new. They can look through & choose the pictures that best answer the questions. During my fifth day of sharing my faith on campus, two of my friends, our Thai translator and I, played Soularium with a couple Thai students and took turns reading through and explaining the Knowing God Personally Booklet. We asked them to pray the prayer of accepting Christ with us, which they did. That is when I thought I am a part of the most meaningful and important day of these peoples lives, and I am so grateful for that."



Using Soularium to get to know Thai students

Amy: “One day on campus sharing our faith, I got to go out with Lauren and Nathan, and our Thai staff translator Cheng. We were getting to know some students in an outdoor study area, and asking questions about what they believed and one of them, named Pet, asked me, “Could you tell me more about Christianity? I mean, I have heard about a garden and a tree, but I don’t know any more than that.” So I got to share with her very conversationally about our faith and the major themes of Christianity. Lauren was right there adding and clarifying things for her, while Nathan was listening in. Not only was it fun to share alongside my children, but it was so humbling to hear Pet reveal how little she had ever heard about Jesus, and to be the ones to get to help reveal the light of the gospel to her. Cheng took her through the Knowing God Personally booklet. Pet did not pray to receive Christ, but was interested to learn more when Cheng can follow-up with her. Please pray that Pet puts her faith in Jesus.”



Pet, Lauren & Amy & Nate, Thai Student



Adam, Two Freshmen, Tan-Thai Staff

Adam: “Tan (my Thai staff ministry partner) and I just had an hour left together on campus, so we decided to go to the cafeteria to find some students there. This was a new campus where there was just one male Christian student leader. He is a great guy named Bas, and we were all trying to meet freshmen guys who would want to become Christian and join Bas to help build a spiritual movement there. I am so thankful that the Lord led us to these two freshmen on the last day. As we shared the gospel and invited them to follow Jesus, they both prayed to receive Christ. Please pray that Jesus would use Bas, to lead them to grow in their new faith.”

Thank you so much for keeping us in your prayers, both for Thailand and Macedonia. Macedonia had a very successful Speak Out project this summer. Below are some more pictures of some of our time in Thailand. Please pray for spiritual movements to grow there and in Macedonia as students come back to school.

Campus Evangelism



Colette(an MK), Kesinee, Amy, Siriporn

Kesine & Siriporn accepted Christ!

Very Precious Thia staff that hosted our project



Yui

Yokie

Meow



At an orphanage

Leading crafts at the retirement home



Our Favorite Food—Mango & Sticky Rice



Praying with Thai students in cafeteria

Thank you so much for your partnership! Adam & Amy