

Prayerletter December 2013

Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow. (Marc 4:3)

Sowing

Beep beep! Vincent's van stops at our house. Every Wednesday, in the afternoon, this Singaporean missionary comes to our village. Together with a group of 2 or 3 Christians from Isaan, he does outreach in our street. When Vincent heard about our neighbors, who seemed interested in the Gospel, he didn't hesitate at all, but went to see them. During three months already, they come weekly to evangelize at our neighbor's place. There's always one of us with them. There's a small group of people who is always faithfully present. Among them is our language helper. Some people out of this group also join us in the Sunday church service. More and more children from Baan Meng join us as well. This means a heavy loaded car (in Thailand this is



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allowed ☺) We are very thankful for these openings in our village. At the same time, we realize that being interested is different from making a definitive decision to follow Jesus.

Prayer requests:

- Give thanks that many children come to the children's club
- We are thankful for the weekly outreaches in our street
- We are thankful that everything went well during the absence of our co-workers
- Pray for a revival in our village 'Baan Meng'
- Pray for 'sister Korn', (our language helper), 'grandma Niam' en 'grandpa Boon' (our neighbors). Pray that they will make a definitive choice
- Pray for protection and spiritual growth for new believers
- Pray for energy to start new tasks
- Pray the we keep progressing in language learning

Can we do this?

Early August, our colleagues the 'Van der Lee' family went on home assignment. During their absence, we took over some of their responsibilities. 'Can we do this?' we asked ourselves. All the previous months we profited thankfully by their help and experience. Now we were 'alone'. During the church services, a lot of people had many questions for Mark. Questions, to which we didn't have an answer, or sometimes even didn't have a clue what the question meant... These past months, Mark preached a couple of times and organized a children's service as well. It was a lot of preparation, but we learned a lot from it. Anne-Marie was in charge of the Sunday school.



Also teacher Adaja lives and works a couple of months in Nong Ruea already. There was a lot to be arranged in the school and apartment, but we managed to do that bit by bit too. Sometimes it wasn't

easy to help Adaja finding her way around here, since we're still in the exploring phase ourselves! Despite that, we look back on a good period full of learning.

School



The girls at the HomeSchoolWeek

"Teacher! Ehm... Mom!" A slip of the tongue we had never heard before, is now pretty common. Since September the girls go to school with teacher Adaja. Celeste en Irene enjoy the classes with a real teacher. Anne-Marie enjoys the fact that she's not responsible herself for the education anymore. End of October we spent one week in Bangkok. OMF organized a Homeschool Week. A week where all children of OMF missionaries who usually get homeschooled, had classes together. The moms and some volunteers taught all classes. A wonderful chance for

group activities! Nine children of four nationalities had a lot of fun together. The girls had a blast, and David too. He enjoyed himself playing in the playroom together with friends of his age. We enjoyed it a lot too; it was nice to have fellowship with other parents. Next year we will be present again for sure!

'Christmas Party'

We received an invitation for a Christmas Party from CEF Thailand. In November already... This party was organized for child workers to get inspired how to celebrate Christmas with the children's club in a nice way. Mark went there. The whole course was spoken in Thai, so it was quite a challenge. But fortunately, the leaders used simple language. CEF is the organization where we did a three month course in Switzerland, just before we went to Thailand. This organization works in almost every country of the world. We are very blessed that this organization also works in Thailand, since we found great children's material in Thai here! Now we are good prepared for coming Christmas. During the weeks before Christmas, Mark hopes to share all he learned with the rest of our team.

Besides all Christmas activities, we will start in December an "English Club" for teenagers, where we hope to reach young people with the Gospel by teaching English. We will also start a second children's club, in another village. So we will keep on sowing God's Word also in this coming period.

We wish you a wonderful Christmas and blessed New Year 2014!

In Him,

Mark & Anne-Marie, Celeste, Irene and David



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