



# THAI LAOS TIMES

July 2024

"The love of the Messiah controls us, for we are convinced of this: that one person died for all people; therefore, all people have died. He died for all people, so that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for the one who died and rose for them. So then, from now on we do not think of anyone from a human point of view. Even if we did think of the Messiah from a human point of view, we don't think of him that way anymore. Therefore, if anyone is in the Messiah, he is a new creation. Old things have disappeared, and—look!—all things have become new! All of this comes from God, who has reconciled us to himself through the Messiah and has given us the ministry of reconciliation, for through the Messiah, God was reconciling the world to himself by not counting their sins against them. He has committed his message of reconciliation to us. Therefore, we are the Messiah's representatives, as though God were pleading through us. We plead on the Messiah's behalf: "Be reconciled to God!" 2 Cor 5:14-20

One of my relatives who is very close to me asked, "Why do you serve God?" After year of working in Thailand and Laos, it is easily for me to get up in the morning and just do "The routine." I started to work as I was programed in my mind. The passage above reminds me to evaluate myself. I found three reasons in this important passage: **"The Love of The Messiah"** My Jesus died for me to do what I am doing, to give me strength when I am weary and to give me hope for the eternity (Rom 5:6-8). **"A New Creature"** First, I am a new man belong to Christ not myself. I am still here on earth to serve Him. Second, it is always a great joy to see new baby in Christ. Think with me for a second to the time to see your own child for the first time after his or her birth. God fills your heart with the kind of joy you never have before in your life. The same joy happen every time in your heart when you see a person was born spiritually at the baptism (Eph 4:23-24). **"We are ambassadors of Christ"** My best friend from Arkansas likes the phrase "Appreciate the opportunity". Thank about it. I was a sinner and still is. He washed my sins, and He raised me up to the honorable position to represent heaven. Listen, to represent the heaven which is more than just representing a country. All of us on the Thai Lao for the Savior team love to serve our Messiah.

**Wonderful Summer:** We at Watcharapon Church of Christ in Bangkok and eleven other churches in the North, the Northeast of Thailand and Central and Northern Laos received blessings for the Summer workers from teams from Sunset International Bible Institute, Harding University, Saginaw Church of Christ and Pleasant Valley Church of Christ. You read some of the revival meeting, seminars, church planting, outreach activities at the local schools when we put out June Report. You can continue to read additional works below in the report from other highlights from Megk, Tuli, Yai, Nong, Ben. I just to express my appreciation to all from America and Thai Lao for the Savior team members. We are going to have our TLS Mid Year Meeting on August 15-17. *I will report to you more on how we are going to follow up on all the works and contacts we had made together.*

Some pictures on Summer volunteers:

At Baan Jump Church of Christ - my favorite picture is the one showing Mike, Mitchel and Luke changed the tire. I was so honored to have an elder serve like that



At Bor-Se-Leam Church of Christ - This is Mien Hill Tribe Church start in 1995. The Summer Thai - America Team conduct Eldership Class, hold an outreach English at the local school to promote the church in their community. My favorite picture is our brothers and sisters there cooking their traditional meal called Moo-Larm (Grilled Bamboo Seasoned Pork).



Watcharapon Church of Christ - The high light of the month are two baptism we have. The first was the baptism of Mick on July 7th, a bright happy young man. The second was Poo on July 14. Both have been coming for a long time. Mick is a soldier. He is the fourth one in his family. We pray for his mother.



**New Additional to our team:** I am very pleased to report to you two additional to Thai Lao for the Savior.

As many of you know that the work started in 1988 with Ramkhamhaeng Christian Center to the biggest university in Thailand. The work was so effective with hundred of converts who are some good leaders for the churches in Thailand and Laos. The work stopped during the COVID-19. We started it again calling Center. We added Anupong (our BSLI worked at the RCC in the past) to the team and Ben. The real goal is to plant the new area. Also, we added Nakon to work Megk to strengthen our abilities to support churches in the countries starting in the North of Thailand. I will introduce them with more next issue.



God's blessings,

Patinya

### **Ben's highlight**



On July 13-16, I went to Bo Si Liam Church in Lampang Province. There were volunteers who helped. We helped clean around the meeting area poured concrete, and the seating area. On Sunday, I had the opportunity to teach Tong and Pakkad. In addition, I had the opportunity to teach at Ban Champa Church in Udon Thani Province. We helped develop the church, cleaned the meeting area, made signs, and on Sunday, I had the opportunity to teach many people: Bam, Big, Frank, Titan, and Pring. I feel happy every time I teach non-Christians because this is my talent that support the team.



I was about to start an evangelism work with the team, and the brothers and sisters supported us to have an evangelism center, which is called the Christian Center. And in this picture I went to Ramkhamhaeng University, handing out flyers to introduce our new place, and had the opportunity to invite people to study English and study the Bible for free. One of the teacher who was interested in having us help him teach English to his students approached our team, and it was something that we were all very grateful to God for to be able to do evangelism work and start having an evangelism center again.

By Ben.

### **Trace**

The main focus of team during this summer of 2024 while we have four teams willing to serve in what will bear fruit for the local, spread the gospel to the neighbors and promote the "Strong Church Organization" goal to the congregations among the target sites. We mainly focus on two areas of the job to serve the brethren; encouraging the churches to think about the Church Organization, reaching out to the neighbors through the local schools in those villages. In July while we have teams from America to support the work, we have visited with four congregations in North and Northeast and all of these congregations we have encouraged and shared with them about the benefits and the advantages we gain from following the pattern of God's will. Among these four congregations we volunteered ourselves to serve in schools conducted "A Day English Program" to promote the Church there as well. The next trips to come is to follow up the trace which we have worked with them. There's a door opens to meet with a Philippino woman, Estela, living and working in Thailand. She is taking the Bible courses on line program with the WBS(World Bible School). We talk and communicate through Line App all the time. Finally we met and I took her to visit the Watcharapol Church of Christ building to show her where we worship and also show her how to commute to the church as well. It's the first time to meet with her so we made an appointment at a restaurant close to where she lives that we all are comfortable and feel free to share and ask questions.



"Go and make disciples....., baptizing them....., teaching them..."

By Tuli.





## Highlight of Megk



July 2024 was a wonderful blessing for my family cause our daughter Far was engaged with Toto, the youth minister of Watcharapon Church of Christ, on The 6th of July, and they are going to marry on May 2025.

**On June 29-July 2.** We TLS Team, intern from Harding university, Lucus from Sibi and Erastos's family, khun Patinya also khun Chuck and Nathan elder of Pleasant Valley Church of Christ went to Bow Silium Church of Christ. We worked together to help the church there

With the church building and the bench worshiped together, served by teaching English to primary school there.



**On July 19-21** after saying goodbye to Harding University intern. We TLS team brother Erastos' Family, Lucus Sibi student including brother Mike elder from Pleasant Valley church of Christ and his two sons went to visit my hometown Church, Nong Yao Church of Christ, Phetchabun province, 3 hours drive from Bangkok.

We have special meeting there, the small congregations nearby were invited to join our We have the great fellowship, great lessons and brother there with fixing the cafeteria roof and church sign, the ancient one my older brothers and more than 30 years ago.  
By Megk.



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## Busy but worthy



To invite people come to tell their story and get to know them.



English camp at local school out of BKK.



Their first time teaching English

We were super busy from the end of May to the end of July. You may see all the activities pictures above and God is blessed the churches in Thailand through all the work that we (Thai, Laotian, American and Greek christian people) had been worked together as the body of the Christ. May glory be to our mighty God.

Why I have mentioned "worthy" because through this summer, I have seen many things have been developed to our BSLI students. All of them spend this summer "worthy" by the serving with all teams from the USA churches. All of these activities, they (BSLI students and teams from the USA) had done for the first time, passed out flyers to invite the local students coming studying English together, taught English to the local students out of BKK together and reached out to the people on the campus by using the sign to invite people telling their story and get to know them together.

We spent lot of fund to do activities, cost of air plane tickets and cost of living through these 9 weeks but I myself resist that it was worthy to devote all things for the gospel and family of God will get encouragement and grow up together.

Some of my BSLI students are able to speak more English and they are not shy by speaking in

English. 9 weeks has changed their mind and attitude of learning English. They are counting day and month, waiting for serving together again in the next summer. We are thankful for all teams who coming to Thailand and showing us how much you love God and your family in Thailand

This month, I would like to introduce **brother Wong** who will be graduated in the end of this year. He is from Lat Kium village, Udomxai, the northern of Lao. He is the one that really want to serve God by supporting himself. He would like to learn how to fix the motorcycles and he has plan to open his house to be a garage. Please pray for him for his future both serving and living.  
By Yai and Nong.

