



Reaching the Burmese migrants in NW Thailand

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Dear Pastor and Churches,

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Maranatha! Brethren we salute you all in the peace and joy of God. These graces are not from the world and therefore nothing in the world can take them away! We bless the Lord for His faithfulness in these past few days.



Thailand has become a water-world. Many old people here have testified that it has never flooded like this in the past. The biggest dam in Thailand, Bhumibol Dam which is in our province of Tak is almost full of water so it has to release it to ease the pressure before it breaks. This has added to the misery of the towns in the central provinces, so much so that the capital city of Bangkok is under threat of more floods. Up to this time the latest count of casualties are 255. I wonder how many of them had the chance to hear the gospel!

The Thai people are relatively well off than most of the Southeast Asian countries. While I always maintained that they were spared of violent bloodshed that occurred in the neighboring countries like Cambodia, Myanmar, and Vietnam



because this country has always opened its doors to Christian missionaries, their iniquity and idolatry has come to a peak before a Holy and Righteous God. Sexual immorality and perversion is rampant and brazenly practiced. While they say these things are taboos in the Thai society, in actuality it has become a norm. To appease their guilt they give lavishly to their idols. It is an open secret here that most Wats (Buddhist temples) there are many monks that have HIV. Former Prime Minister Thaksin said in the past when their neighboring countries were in trouble that the key to the prosperity of Thailand is attributed to their good Karma. He totally missed the grace of God-and so did most of the Thai people.

But there are good Christian people in Thailand. I have met some of them and they seemed to be burdened for their countrymen's spiritual blindness. It is our hope that this catastrophe would serve as a spiritual wake up call to the Thai Baptist churches to be more evangelistic and renounce the Social Gospel. In the meanwhile the Thai people still cries the Macedonian call today!

Despite the heavy rain we are safe here in Mae Sot. The river Moie swelled during the heavy down pour in the past weeks but it has returned to its normal level at this time of the year.

In the almost 6 years of living here in Thailand I have developed a fondness to the amiable qualities of the Thai. There are exceptions of course, but generally speaking the Thais are gentle and friendly. It is very easy to miss that that without the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts they are lost and will spend an eternity in Hell if they refuse the gift of eternal life. Please pray that these tragedies would open their eyes to the vanity and sinfulness of their ways and that only thru Jesus Christ is peace and life.

Please pray for the salvation of the Thai people and pray that the Lord would send more laborers here!

Your Missionary,

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