

# Missionary M. Montes

## PREACHING THE GOSPEL TO THE BURMESE IN THAILAND

Dear Pastor and Church,

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“And this will we do, if God permit.”(Heb.6:3) I greet you once again in Christ Jesus our Lord! The year is about to end. And I look back at this year full of gratefulness in my heart for the triumphs and trials that the Lord has sent my way! All glory and praise is to our God.

Highlighting this year was the Organization of the Mission work into a local and Independent Baptist Church in the month of September. The Lord has blessed us with 52 chartered members. I was really counting on 70 but some were hindered by their Thai employers so they could not make it. But anyway we thank God for these who comprise Faith Baptist Church of Bang Khang Pi Ban, Mae Sot Tak, Thailand. Our sending Pastor, 3 Deacons, and 11 brethren from our sending church in the Philippines came to witness and organize us.

Last Dec.8 we held our annual Christmas party for the kids in our Children’s Ministry. We looked forward to this event because the children bring so much promise. I’ve said this and will say this again, if a child is saved early and be taught with clear Bible teaching then we can impact the Burmese community like no other. The LORD abundantly blessed this event giving us 105 children, some parents came with their kids---it was so overwhelming yet so awesome. The Singles from Bangkok Baptist Church (Bro Enrile Badua’s church) came to give their gifts of school supplies to the kids and also to play games with the kids. And after the kids party we also organized a Youth get together and to our pleasant surprise almost 50 youths came! Praise God. So we had a full day of teaching God’s Word.

I am excited because having held our 1<sup>st</sup> Missions Conference the brethren has accepted the challenge of being part of World Missions. The amount is small but it is a big step of faith for these who have not been taught Faith Promise before. We plan to give \$2000 a year! All I can say is to God be the glory! This year I have also challenge the whole church to read the bible for the whole year. Not a bad project!



It is very fulfilling to preach the Word of God in the homes of the Burmese people. In this picture we had a bible study in the home of Khu Tae Oo and his wife Mha Mwe. They called their neighbor to hear the preaching of God’s Word. This place was far into the hills were they work everyday!



My sending church came to be with us on our Organization service. They were thrilled to see the blessings of God upon the work here in Bang Khang Pi Ban. I hope that many more brethren, especially from the US would come and minister to us. And I know that by sharing our mutual faith in the Lord we can be a blessing to you as well. My prayer is that you would consider having a mission trip here in the border of Thailand and Myanmar. It would be worth all the trouble if only to challenge ourselves to remain committed to the Gospel of our Lord in these trying times.



Our children's Ministry was held Dec 8 with 105 children and along with the parents we had more than 140 in attendance. Our theme was "Jesus Christ: the Reason for the Season". It was a joy to give them gifts, teach them the story of His Birth in Bethlehem, feed them, and play with them. What a blessing! Thank you for our brethren in the US who gave towards this project. You all have a part in the lives of these precious children we minister to. Our partnership will bear fruit in time to come.



My wife organized a short skit about the Nativity. My youngest son (Jan Moore) with other kids portrayed the bible scene when Joseph and Mary had a hard time finding a room for her to deliver her first-born son. The kids from the Compassio orphanage and the children of the Thurman's was a part of the skit.



Our Sunday service for Dec 9 was filled with people. We had 3 who professed to receive the Lord as their Savior. After the preaching I told the church that we were going back to the Philippines. My family was both sad and happy. Sad that we will leave the church and happy because we were going to be with our 2 kids and extended family.



The Singles from Bangkok Baptist Church gave gifts to the kids and young people and sang for us on this Sunday. They were a great blessing to the church.

Here I am at the bottom preaching to the faculty and staff of Landmark Baptist Church. This is where I taught bible college before I surrendered to be a missionary to the Burmese people. It was a joy to minister the word to them again. I met with Pastor Tan, Pastor Maliwat, the teachers (some of them were my students before) and the student body. What a blessing!



Please pray that our medical check up would turn up good news for both me and my wife. We are enjoying our time with Janelle and Amos, my Mom and whole family. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all of you!

Grateful to God,

Bro Moore Montes and family