

The Johansen's Thailand Newsletter – October November 2011

Back on the Road

Way back in July, we were in an auto accident that thankfully left us all in good shape – except for our old pickup truck. The truck ended up in the shop for over three months! This was a bit of an inconvenience, as it occurred during Thailand's 2011 monsoon season – one of their wettest years on record. But when I returned from teaching at the Bible school in October, the “accident truck,” as the girls called it, was almost fixed. Right about that time, a brother S. from Washington contacted us to inquire as to whether we were mobile yet, as he remembered that we'd been in a wreck. We said no, not quite yet. He said he'd like to make a contribution to the truck fund. In the second week of October, 2011, I got a phone call from a guy who was interested in buying the “accident truck.” It wasn't quite finished at the body shop, but he thought he'd make us an offer – and we thought it was a fair enough offer and sold our almost-fixed truck. That same week, brother S. sent a sizable donation to add to the vehicle pool. With what we were able to sell the little Toyota for, and what was sent by S., one of the kids and I made a trip to Bangkok, kicked tires at a few places around the city, and located something that fit perfectly the needs of our growing family and expanding ministry. So at long last, and after a long and detour-ridden drive back from Bangkok, is the ministry's four-door, 4WD pickup truck. Thank you Jesus!



Film Ministry

Now that we are mobile again, we've been able to resume the film showing in villages in the hills around Mae Sariang. With Joe Nelson, a recently arrived missionary from California, and Wii Gheay (a Karen friend who also has a heart to take the gospel to remote villages), we've been able to preach the word and share the gospel through film in several new places.

Home Study

Sarah Nelson has begun teaching ESL at a local after school program. Through this teaching, many of her students have begun attending a Saturday night fellowship and Bible study that alternates between our home and the Nelson's home. Almost all of these young people are Buddhist (one is Roman Catholic), but they keep coming week after week, and we're praying for fruit from the gospel seeds being planted meeting after meeting.



Prayer and Praise:

- We are so thankful for the opportunity to preach the gospel through the doors opened by the film ministry, and through having a truck to get there! Please pray for more opportunities to make Christ known, and for God to awaken people through the preaching of the word of God.
- We are so thankful for the home Bible study that has sprung up through the Nelson's English teaching, please pray for the youth to be drawn to the Savior.
- Praise God for our recent trip to Chiang Rai for visa extensions – we got to see old friends Jim and Denise Burns. Pray though for our upcoming visa renewal (different than an extension), as the rules have changed a little since ours were issued last year, and it is almost time to renew.

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