

Summer Evangelistic Outreach

Reported by Somchai
TPTL Evangelist, Thailand

It is our pleasure to share what God has done in our *Summer Evangelistic Outreach* during the months of March to July. People here are at this time seeking the things of the true God. The Lord has given us many experiences and stories which are exciting but it is difficult to tell all of them. We have just some stories and photos to relate to you.

March to May:

Thank you for your concern for our country's civil unrest and praying for an end to the crisis. We came home to Bangkok from Central Thailand after our *Outreach* on Sunday 16th May by driving through side streets to bypass the Red mob. When the 3 months Red mob rally ended on Wednesday 19th May, with widespread arson and looting in several spots in Bangkok as well as in North Eastern and Northern provinces, no effort was geared towards the rehabilitation of damaged private and commercial properties. There were about 90 people killed and approximately 1500 injured.

However, during the past few months, our *Outreach* was very carefully carried out as people were confused and distracted. Five people accepted Christ as personal Saviour at our Easter Rally on 3rd April at Pouki garage. A young man opened his heart to Christ on Sunday 4th April at TPTL Saimai Blessed Church which is close to the head office of the Red mob in the outskirts of Bangkok.



Praying for people who committed their lives to Christ

The Sunday School Teachers Training was held on April 20th to 23rd April. There were 131 participants, mainly Hmong and Thai people who are very poor but we were moved by their enthusiasm. We appreciate the help of *Lina Tay (leader)*, *Edna Low*, *Ruth Tan* and *Angela Low* from Singapore who are professional Sunday School teachers trainers.



Despite the language barrier, everyone was able to understand one another through our translator, *Pastor Kiatisak*, who is my close friend and alumnus of Bangkok Bible College. Praise God for many of the participants who made commitments!



131 participants at Sunday School Teachers Training

After the Sunday School Teachers training, we continued our Outreach in Eastern and Northern Thailand. We thank God for some volunteers, women and men, from different churches in Bangkok and the provinces, who helped us distribute John's Gospel and Christian booklets at the fresh food markets, weekend markets, villages and individual homes. At night time we held open air meetings and altar call after preaching. Praise and glory be to God for people who made decisions and for many who showed interest.

June to July:

Our journey to the villages and mountains was met with difficulties because of pouring rain almost every day, and roads were very bad. Some places had no roads and in other places we had to go over high mountains. Sometimes we had to drive the van along streams; sometimes we walked about 2 to 3 hours. We visited with Hmong, Aka, Lisu and Karen tribes, all of whom worshipped evil spirits. We saw villagers possessed by an evil spirit. Praise God who allowed us to drive out the evil spirit.

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The villages we visited showed great interest in the Gospel. 72 hill tribal persons and 41 Thai villagers opened their hearts to accept Christ as Saviour.

In June we helped a small church clean and repair its building. We had Bible teaching for the members and Saengthong took care of the children. At night we conducted open air meetings outside the church.

On our way back from the *Outreach*, we felt tired but our hearts were rejoicing because of many souls saved into the Kingdom of God. We glorify our Living Lord!!

In July we welcomed Joseph and Molly Rajan, TPTL workers from Myanmar. They joined us to visit *TPTL Nounwan Blessed Church* in Eastern Thailand. Started in June 2009, it now has 26 members.

Prayer requests:

- God's mercy upon Thailand
- Follow-up program for new believers
- Our 8 home churches, Pastors and leaders
- Journey mercies during all our Outreach Missions
- For the Lord of the harvest to call, equip and send labourers into the difficult but ready field.
- People taking the Correspondence Course
- Plans for Mission Teams from Singapore and Australia to participate in the coming Christmas Outreach
- For our good health.

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'Hunger and Thirst' for God's Word!

Praise God for His goodness and mercy on all His children and on the TPTL work in Myanmar. It is always amazing to see the *'hunger and thirst'* of the people for the Lord's word. *'My Hope, Myanmar'* project will start at the end of the rainy season, during the latter part of October. John's Gospel will be one of the books used in this outreach programme.



Molly giving the New Testament to a Pastor

I have been busy working on the production of Rev Ed Long's booklets and the New Testament. Many evangelists, pastors and leaders of various denominations have been asking for more Christian literature. I have received reports that many who read the Gospel of John and Ed Long's booklets have committed their lives to Jesus Christ.

At a youth meeting in Yangon, conducted by Myanmar Bethel Ministry, 400 booklets on *'Investing for the Future'*, *'Prayer'*, *'Holy Spirit (My Best Friend)'* were distributed. It was a joy to see the Youth Pastors praising and thanking God for the booklets. Please pray with me that those who received the booklets will be blessed and spiritually strengthened.

A pastor in a rural area asked me recently for 50 copies of the New Testament to be used in his small house church. He was filled with joy and gratitude when I delivered the books and prayed with him. Praise God for His goodness!

Trip to Thailand: My wife, Molly, and I were in Thailand during the first week of July. We met up with Somchai

and Saengthong. At their invitation we joined them at the TPTL Church in Chanthaburi Province, a farming community, near the border of Cambodia. I was allowed to speak at the worship service. I spoke about 'Prayer and Blessings'. What a great fellowship we had with members of the church. Praise God!



Joseph preaching and Somchai interpreting

Prayer requests:

- Molly and me and the TPTL Ministry in Myanmar
- The printing programme & the book distribution projects
- Allowance needed for travel within the country
- That more people will accept Jesus as personal Saviour

By Joseph Rajan, TPTL, Myanmar

Prayer & Praise

- Praise God for the funds from *CLM Inc* to reprint 4 Ed Long's booklets for Thailand and 6 Ed Long's booklets for Myanmar for evangelism outreach and Christian growth.
- Praise God that our TPTL material has richly blessed the outreach mission in Uganda, Kriol John, and Darwin.
- Pray for Stephen's ministry in Perth, Geraldton and Coolgardie (near Kalgoorlie) - 3rd to 20th September.
- Pray for a further order of 40,000 copies of the Gospel of John for Australia.
- Praise God for 2000 copies of the Arabic/English New Testament that will soon be arriving from the USA.
- Praise God for all who have been supporting TPTL's ministry here in Australia and in Thailand, Myanmar, Uganda and East Timor through daily prayers and financial contributions.
- Praise God for 9000 copies of John's Gospel to be delivered to homes in Griffith and Wagga Wagga, NSW.

Field Officer's Report

by Stephen Downie

Darwin:

Dr Vicki Beaumont is a Doctor with a passion for reaching people with Gospel, and she does this through Christian literature distribution in the markets in Darwin, and particularly at Rapids Creek. She has given out hundreds of Mark's Gospel, the Arabic scriptures, Bibles from TPTL Australia, Thai Christian material from TPTL Thailand and Burmese Gospel from TPTL Myanmar. She urgently asked for Vietnamese Bibles and I was able to present 3 Bibles to her when I was in Darwin. They were gone in 3 days.



Dr Vicky in her surgery

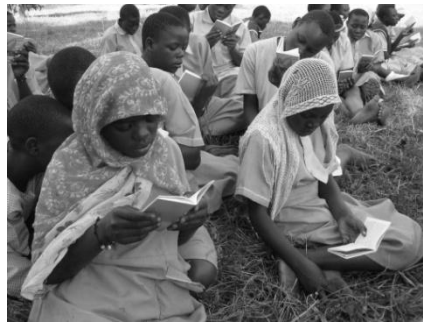


Stephen presenting Vietnamese Bible to Dr Vicky

Uganda:

Graeme Young of Uganda Mission writes: We had a wonderful time sharing the Gospel in Uganda. When it was announced that the Primary 6 and 7 classes would receive a Gospel of John it was met with spontaneous applause. We spoke to 15,200 children in different schools in the districts of Iganga, Kamuli, Kayunga and Maddu. I shared the Gospel of John with 3,100 upper primary children who gave me a promise that they would read it every day. We also had a good look at *'Love is the Bridge'* at the rear of the Gospel and talked about how we become a

Christian and how we grow as Christian.



Girls reading the Gospel of John in Uganda

All the schools we visited had not been visited by us in the previous 4 years. This year we visited two Muslim schools and they allowed us to tell the Gospel message and give out the Gospels although some of the Muslim teachers were not impressed. In both schools the Muslim head teachers were appreciative of our visit.

The Gospel of Luke with the HIV/AIDS information was very well received. We were limited in what we could carry space-wise in the vehicle but were able to give out 900 copies of the Gospel to teachers and pastors and some to children who assisted carrying gear or who answered questions.

We gave copies of Luke's Gospel to people we met in Restaurants in towns, and had some great conversations and opportunity to witness. We shared a table at the Source Cafe in Jinja with an educated professional man who read the Gospel of Luke during our long wait for service and said, *"This is what we need. I have said to my priest we are losing too many people to the born again churches. The people could use this Gospel. It is easy to read and understand."*

The Top End:

Margaret Mickan writes: Jocelyn, a friend and member of the Kriol translation team, had come to Darwin from a remote community for a doctor's appointment. She shared how she had visited a young woman in

hospital who was very distressed. After sharing, praying and encouraging her, she left a comforted and calm woman a copy of the Kriol 'Jon'.

Then Jocelyn pulled out her well-worn copy of 'Jon' from her bag. She was very pleased that I had some extra copies, and as soon as I brought them out we visited a young woman staying in the same accommodation, who was facing surgery the next day. She appreciated her copy of 'Jon'. Another person was already asleep so Jocelyn planned to pass on 'Jon' in the morning before she headed home by bus.

'Yangbala Kemp' (Youth Camp) was over and the last small group sat waiting for the bus to take them to Katherine. As we chatted and listened to the evening noises of birds going to roost in the nearby bush, I noticed a young girl, about 8 years old, pick up 'Jon' and started reading it. I was able to help her as this was her first time reading in her own language. A teenager in the family had received 'Jon' the previous night after a time of prayer and many others were also given copies at that time.

During the training of indigenous leaders for the Youth Camp in July, we had a session familiarising everyone with 'Jon' and the useful section at the back "Jisas Kraim im wei langa God (Jesus Christ is the way to God). The leaders were able to take additional copies home to their communities to pass on to interested people.

Leaders from a Kriol Youth Camp in another area wrote the following: *At the 'Yangbala' Camp, we read through the first page of the Gospel of 'Jon' together to give people a taste of it. We did this in conjunction with the Bible Reading Guide ('100 Dei Baibul Riding') to help them see how to read it at home for themselves and pray.*

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Thank God for Sunday School Teachers

A Reflection by Stephen Downie

I went to Sunday School for the first 16 years of my life. I learnt memory verses from about 6 years old, and I was not given a choice. The teachers said I had to do it. I can still remember John 3:16, Romans 3:23, John 10:28, Romans 6:23, and so many more. As I got older, I moved on to passages like Psalm 23 and Isaiah 53. When I turned 16 I was getting on to Psalm 119.

There was a lady in the Sunday School who used to play the choruses on the old pedal organ in the Church. We sang: "Wide, Wide is the Ocean", "Jesus Loves Me", "Build on the Rock" with this lady furiously trying to keep up with us. I have to confess that we were a little mischievous from time to time. We called her *Auntie Ruby*. Everyone over 30 in the Church was called Auntie and Uncle. When I was about 8, Auntie Ruby was in her 30's and we all thought she was very old. She used to look after the Church Anniversary music and singing and we never called her a musical director. When couples got married in the Church, she was not asked to play because everyone assumed she would be at the pedal organ. In Sunday School we were terrified of her. She was a great one for a bit of discipline.

I have known for many years that Sunday School has been a foundation in my life and a point of reference when I am on the "open sea". Memory verses bring me back into the harbour of security and assurance.



Auntie Ruby recently turned 100 years. As I thought of this milestone, I said to myself there are a handful of people

who made a big impact on my life, and Auntie Ruby is right up there. I am in ministry today because of people like Auntie Ruby. Why is this so? It was her faithfulness to God. She was there every Sunday I was in Sunday School. Thanks be to God for Sunday School teachers.

"You found his heart faithful to you...."
(Nehemiah 9:8)

In the Mail.....

Clayfield Assembly: The continuing ministry by TPTL is a great encouragement to all the members of our congregation. We praise God for the great work among the needy in the area where you minister God's Word, and trust that they will come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. We pray that the Lord will richly bless TPTL's ministry.

A Brother who lives in the Newcastle region writes: I am 69 years old. I had a stroke and lost the use of my left arm and leg. But Jesus has restored my leg and arm and I'm now walking without a stick. By His grace, I have received 1,300 copies of John's Gospel through my church for distribution. Thanks to all my brothers and sisters in the Lord who have laboured to make this possible.

John of NSW writes: My wife and I have been vitally interested in TPTL's Gospel distribution for several years. Originally, we purchased the Gospel of John from Tahlee Bible College as a gift to the PMC at Port Villa. We found that we had a mission to this Church when we first visited and were invited to give prayers and an address. That was some 5 years ago. Since then we have visited that church on 3 other occasions. At a recent Service we presented PMC with copies of John's Gospel and New Testament from TPTL which would be given to the Sunday School children and to many recent converts. May God continue to bless TPTL's ministry.

(Compiled by Linda Spankie, TPTL Office Administrator)

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Field Officers Report

Then on the last day, after a week of teaching, we went through the prayer, in the back of the Gospel, for wanting to become a Christian so people could see the sort of prayer they might like to pray one day. We gave them to the teenagers to take home. We have been using the full Kriol 'Baibul' all week but it was great to be able to give them a part of the Bible to take home with them. The teens were really pleased to come and get their copy at the end of the week (along with the adults) which we had been keeping in a box. We also heard that some took them to boarding school to keep reading the 'Baibul' there.



The pocket sized Gospel of 'Jon' in Kriol is proving to be a valuable ministry tool in sharing God's word in people's heart language, and it's a bonus that we are able to distribute it free of charge. Whether travelling in pockets or ladies bags, 'Jon' is certainly getting out and about!

Annual General Meeting.

The TPTL Executive Board wishes to give an early notice of our AGM. It will be held on Sunday, 21st November 2010, at the Hornsby Baptist Church, corner of Pretoria Parade and College Crescent, Hornsby, commencing at 1.30pm.

We would like to invite you, our valued supporters and friends, to this meeting, and join us in thanking God for His blessing on our ministry here in Australia and in Thailand, and Myanmar, and helping us to consider ways we can, by God's grace, be even more effective in the years ahead.

I will send you details of the meeting prior to the scheduled date of the meeting.

*From Andrew Norvel, Secretary
TPTL Executive Board*