

Brian Adkisson and Andrew Coats

The Vital Importance of Short Term Missions

This past summer two young men from the USA made a real difference in our ministry. Brian Adkisson from Metropolitan Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, Texas (our Pastor's Son), and Andrew Coats from Victory Baptist Church in Frederick, Maryland, came to Bangkok to help us.



Brian Adkisson

We were very excited that they were coming together. The lack of Biblical based morality here is shocking and thus it is no place for a young, single Christian man. You must understand how many men from Western countries come to Thailand to be involved in debauchery. It is open and in your face everywhere you go in the city. However, these guys covenanted together to keep each other on track for the Lord. Even then it was tough on them but God blessed the friendship they made with each other and together they made quite a team.

They did not come over here to have fun or to take a vacation. Brian took a leave of absence from his job at a local bank and also took the semester off from Bible college with permission. Andrew gave up his employment for the summer, which is his only income for the whole year financially. It was no small sacrifice for either one.

The first job they were given was to build a set of steps for Krinny, so she could get into the rest of the house from our bedroom after her knee surgery. Next, we put them to work learning how to get around the city. We were preparing them to help with a group from our sponsoring Church consisting of 26 people. The outreach simply could not have gone as well as it did without their help in preparing for it.

They worked hard doing a lot of manual labor. They helped convert the bottom floor of our Resource Center to meeting rooms by moving over 25,000 lbs. of literature to the 3rd floor.

They helped a group of Thai workers carry it up three flights of stairs one box at a time. Over the 3 months they were here, they hauled and carried and sweated doing various jobs, but they never once complained about the heat or the work.

They were a tremendous blessing to me and took my work load down to a manageable level during a time that I had little time to do much more than help Krinny with her recovery from knee surgery. I can't tell you how much of a blessing they were to this missionary family or how much we miss them, now that they have had to go back home. Thank you Brian and Andrew, you were a blessing to us!

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Printing Equipment Purchased

As you know, we are on the receiving end of several shipments of literature slated to ship to Thailand. One 40-foot container arrived in February and two more are ready to ship now. I cannot express to you what a blessing it

is to have effective literature in several regional languages. Between shipments, work goes on developing materials and oftentimes a short run is needed to test effectiveness or to replenish a supply. After having several small things printed here in Thailand, it was evident that some sort of printing equipment was needed in-house.

After the group from our sponsoring Church left Thailand and gave testimonies in the services back in Fort Worth, Metropolitan Baptist Church gave \$4,000 for the purchase of a Ricoh Digital Duplicator and related equipment. Upon hearing of the immediate needs for literature in the Hmong language, others have also given money so we could print here quickly. All this happened within one week.



The day after we purchased the Duplicator, a local office supply store put up a tent in their parking lot and several of their other stores in the city shipped in all of their overstock and discontinued, yet still new paper in several different sizes. We bought it all, and it is now sitting in our Resource Center where the duplicator will be housed soon. We sort of went over budget buying these materials. Around \$650 had been given but when we saw an opportunity to purchase paper and supplies at ½ cost, we bought \$1,000 worth!



Loading Paper

We have located a small manually operated paper cutter and are trying to make arrangements to purchase it. If that cutter works out, we have all but \$125 of what we need from the money given by our Church. Our Lord is so careful to lead, pray that we will be as careful to follow!

We have estimated that doing all the printing, binding and trimming in-house will cost only 1/5 of the cost of having the materials printed and bound downtown.

The Jerry Balding Family

Immediately upon arriving in Thailand, we met and became friends with the Jerry Balding family. Jerry and his wife Marlyn had already been in Thailand almost two years



Shane, Marilyn, Jerry, and Golan

when we arrived. They had come for the purpose of ministry but many things had happened to them along the way that caused them to begin asking questions. The Lord allowed us to be an encouragement to them and they have been an important part of ministry with us here ever since.

Jerry has made himself available and he has ministered with us in various settings over the past months. He was an important part of the planning and outreach when the group from Metropolitan Baptist Church came over. He traveled to Cambodia with me and has helped in so many ways. He is also working alongside Jeff Lange in the Hmong refugee area as well as other areas of ministry with him.

The Lord knew we would need help while here and He chose to raise up additional co-laborers in a way we could have never imagined. Who knew that we would find quality folks like this when we came to Thailand?

Pray for the Baldings, they plan to return to the USA as soon as they get a visa and green card for Marlyn. She is from Northern Ireland and must jump through all the hoops even though they have been married for 14 years. We will miss them

terribly both in ministry as well as personal relations. We have really grown to love and appreciate Jerry, Marlyn, Golan and little Shane. God has something wonderful in store for them and we can't wait to see what it is!

You may want to contact and encourage the Baldings.

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Judson's Burmese Bible

We met with a number of Burmese pastors in Myanmar who expressed to us their need for Burmese Bibles. We were aware of the fact that the Burmese Bible Society is cutting back on production of that Bible in favor of a new version. This leaves fundamental pastors having difficulty in finding copies of it for purchase.

We have commitments from brethren in the USA to print that Bible but before we did, we felt it necessary to make sure of what we had in hand. Another trip to Myanmar was arranged and we sat down with a pastor and his Judson Bible. Within minutes we learned that there were significant changes to the Bible that he had. We were very curious about that since Judson translated in the 1830's, long before textual criticism brought forth Greek texts other than the Textus Receptus, the foundation of the English King James Version.

It was soon discovered that there was a major revision of Judson's work in the 1930's and that was when the changes were made, all influenced by other Greek texts. The Bible that the churches have been using is a revision of Judson's work. None of us including the Burmese pastor was aware of that.

We are in the process of trying to locate a copy of a Burmese Bible that was printed before the 1933 revision so that it can be compared in the same manner. Please pray concerning this. We just want to give the pure Word of God to people in this region whatever kind of effort we have to put forth to make that happen.

Again, brethren in the USA are standing by waiting to print the entire Bible as soon as we

can verify its accuracy. Pray for these efforts please. Praise the Lord for His provision.

Hmong Refugees, Our Involvement

I trust you will read the profile of the Hmong as well as the letter from the Hmong Christians. Maybe you are wondering how we got involved in all this. I want to bring you somewhat up to date on it.

Reading the local English language newspaper, the *Bangkok Post*, we learned about the now closed Hmong refugee camp in Sariburi. Due to our short time in the country, I was not aware of the existence of that camp previously but when we heard, it was already in the process of being closed. It had been opened for over 20 years but since the USA opened the way for 15,000 Hmong to be relocated, and the processing of those immigrants was now completed, the Thai government was shutting the camp down even though 2,000 people were not qualified for the US immigration program and had to be turned out.

Following the story in the newspaper, we learned of a group of 4,000 more refugees in a rural area of Petchabun province. The 2,000 from Sariburi joined them and it began to alarm the Thai government that maybe they closed one camp only to have another one open. The government stepped in and forced the land owners that had allowed the refugees to camp out, to force them off their land. The land owners themselves are ethnic Hmong who are Thai citizens. The refugees had nowhere else to go so they began to build traditional housing literally in the ditch alongside the road.

The Thai government has said that they could not remain in Thailand and the Lao government has said that they were not Lao



Hmong Mother with children

citizens so could not return to Laos. Of course since they were previously living in the mountains in Laos hiding from the government, they were undocumented.



Hmong lady in village

Our hearts were touched by the reports so it was determined that as soon as a group from our sponsoring church left to return to the USA we would go and try to find them. Our Assistant Pastor, Travis Jones, stayed behind for a week. Missionary Jeff Lange, Travis Jones, Jerry Balding, Brian Adkisson, Andrew Coats, a Lao pastor, and myself rented a van and were able to find them on a 6 hour trip north of Bangkok. The rest is history as we saw the plight of the people and began to learn how we might minister to them. There is a rich mix of languages in the camp, most of which present themselves as a challenge without involving others who speak them. Spoken widely are Hmong, Lao, Thai, and Vietnamese.

I trust you will pray for the situation. Pray for us to have wisdom as we deal with it. We (the Gaudet's) are not equipped for ministry in any of the languages spoken there. We will do what we can concerning literature and other resources as we focus on the regional countries. Much prayer is needed. Please intercede.

Jeff Lange Family

We have mentioned the Lange family in several of our NewsLetters so they are not new to you. Both Jeff and Theresa are fluent in Thai and are able to do what we cannot; minister to Thai people in their language. Their son, John just turned two and he is a real live wire around here. All of the Thai folks love him and he is a door-opener



Jeff, Theresa, & Jonathan

for them in many ways as they minister. They are a precious family and God is using them.

They now have over 400 students in the Bible Correspondence School and that keeps them plenty busy. The majority of these students have been reached using literature that was developed here in Thailand and that is now being shipped in for distribution.

Both Jeff and Theresa are having Bible studies with Thai people at various times. One of the men that Jeff has been working with is in Chiang Mai, a 7 hour drive from here. Their ministry has taken on a new dimension as weekly trips up-country are now being made to the Hmong refugee camp in Petchabun province, 5 hours away. Jeff started with six men in Bible Studies and the numbers have grown upwards to 12 in some sessions. The refugees have nothing much to do day-to-day and these men seem to be hungry for the Word of God.

It is a difficulty for Jeff as he has to use Thai which is not the native language of the Hmong people from Laos. However, teaching the Word of God is often a challenge and we are all praying that God would raise up a leader from among them.

Please keep the Lange's in prayer. Long hours of separation, long miles driven, many dollars in fuel and expenses are required for labor such as this. Please pray for protection, provision, and fruitfulness for this young missionary family. It is a blessing to work alongside them for Thailand. E-mail: Langes@vfmsea.com

Ministry in General

Since arriving here in February, we have had many visitors. We have hosted pastors, missionaries, friends, co-workers and a few folks who just needed a place to stay for a few days. Over the months, we have had folks from Cambodia, Laos, Australia, several from America, and are expecting visitors from Singapore shortly.

Twenty-six people came from Metropolitan Baptist Church for a week in July, to pass out tracts and do literature distribution here in Thailand.

There were about 16 ladies staying in our house and about 16 men staying in one apartment at the Resource Center. They were a tremendous blessing and God used their time in many ways to bolster up the work. From that short week, 135 response cards now have come in representing people who want to study the Bible.



Response Cards

We have 2 containers full of literature in the USA now, ready to ship. The hold up on shipping has been securing and transfer of the rental agreement of the facility we were using for storage. That has now been settled and we have the lease. Many thanks to those of you who prayed for this. It was a bit of a struggle, but that is behind us and the containers can now be shipped.

Our focus of ministry right now is concentrated heavily on the Hmong refugees. Please read carefully the articles on the Hmong and pray for them and for us as we try to minister to them.

We are also working to produce literature in the languages of Burma (Myanmar), Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, and of course, Thailand. We are looking for key men in these countries who can help us develop it and use it effectively.

This is not the work of one family. Whatever has been done here has been accomplished by many under the leadership of the Lord. Each of us have our ministries but the Lord has allowed them to overlap and it has been a blessing seeing what has transpired.

Sarah Wilson stayed behind when the group from our Church left. She plans to stay for 5 months, working alongside



Myra, Susanna, & Sarah
Collating & stapling Hmong tracts

Myra Noel and Susanna Domangue. These ladies are faithful co-laborers and God has blessed us with them.

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We have introduced you to some new co-workers and now humbly ask you to pray God's richest blessing on them. We want to thank all of you, our supporters, who have given sacrificially to keep us on the field and to those of you who pray for us faithfully. We know that without the prayers of God's people we can do nothing that will be of any value for eternity. Thank you for standing in the gap for this missionary family as we labor in mainland Southeast Asia; Indochina, Myanmar and Thailand.

Tom Gaudet

From Krinny

For me, Bangkok is vastly different from any place that we have lived so far. For one thing, it is the largest city I have ever lived in. Its vast size is sometimes overwhelming and when you add the traffic congestion, bad air quality, and decadence, it just simply is not a pleasant place to live.

We live a little north of the city, in Pathum Thani, and although it is just as dirty and the air quality is no better, at

least it is out of the tourist areas, and it is cheaper to live up here than it is closer to the city center.

Thailand is called a "Recently Developed Nation." It still seems developing to me, but I guess on the world scale it is just one small step above that. It is still very backward in many ways. Right across the stream from us the people still live in thatched huts on stilts. Doesn't look too developed to me.

There are fewer Christians in this country than any place I have ever been, also. Buddhism is the state religion, although there is religious freedom. There is a Muslim mosque a half mile or so from us. Four times each day we hear the howling of the "call to prayer" over the loudspeakers from the mosque.

We have made some Thai friends who mostly are Buddhist. They are kind, gentle people who are blinded and bound in fear of eternity. Many of them are also spiritists, mixing that with Buddhism, worshiping everything under the sun and fearing everything. There are Spirit Houses in almost every yard to protect the homes

from evil spirits. To give them the gospel message you must start all the way back in creation and teach them from there. Most of them have never heard a clear presentation of the Gospel



Huts in front of the mosque

Bangkok has some of the best hospitals in the world. I have had extensive knee surgery while here and will probably have the other knee operated on in about 2 or 3 months. There are whole hospitals that cater to one kind of problem. For instance, there is a hospital that does only the weight reduction stomach surgery. These hospitals are world class. People from literally everywhere come to Bangkok for medical treatment. I feel very confident having medical treatment here.

I want to thank all of you who have prayed for me during my recent knee surgery. Please continue to pray for complete recovery and also for the upcoming surgery on the other knee. My e-mail address is Krinnygau@aol.com I would love to hear from you. Thank you once again for your prayers on my behalf.



Men with tracts



Filling out response card



Bro. Jerry talking with Hmong man



Praying with Hmong men



Man reading tract

Tom and Karin (Krinny) Gaudet

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