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Reflections: Bringing Heaven Onto Earth

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“Surely children weren’t made for the streets,
and fathers were not made to leave.
Surely this isn’t how it should be...
Let Your kingdom come.”

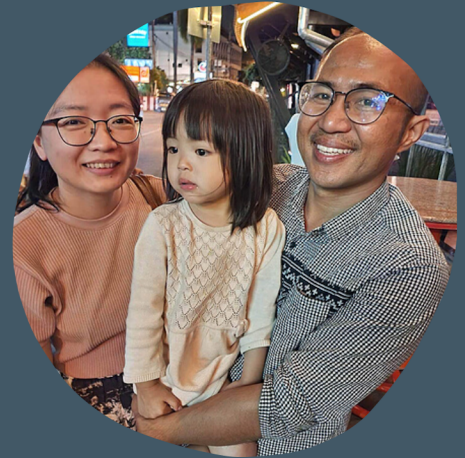
Lyrics of song “The Power of Your Name”, Lincoln Brewster

These lyrics were on repeat mode in my head as we visited the locals home by home in the district of Phichai.

Uttaradit - an agricultural province blessed with abundance of natural resources and beauty. Its entrance signboard reads, “Welcome to Uttaradit dream land, heaven on earth”. Yet behind closed doors, lies empty hearts of brokenness and pain. The pain of abandonment cuts deep into ones soul - growing up feeling less than deserving, always fending for your own survival, trying different means to numb out the reminder of your very existence.

This is the reality of the majority that we have met in Uttaradit. Fathers are missing as they leave to work in another province, children are left alone as they drown in the pressures of social media, teens are exposed to vices and early pregnancy, infants disposed to the care of grandparents, and the cycle continues.

My heart aches with heaviness and compassion towards them. How I long for them to know and experience the love and acceptance from God, our Father, He who redeems and adopts us to be His beloved. He has not forgotten them. He sees and hears and longs for them to enter His kingdom. I ask that you pray alongside us for the hearts of the locals and for the deep heart work to be done. May they experience the Kingdom of God in their lives.



Upcoming Plans:

- Mar'23 - Learning visit to Sansai
- Apr'23 Farm
- May'23 - Maesa FAITH farm
- Singapore trip
- Jun'23 - Uttaradit trip
- Jul'23 - Maesa FAITH farm
- Sep'23 - Uttaradit trip
- Nov/Dec'23 - Uttaradit trip
- Agape mission trip 2

Support Us:

We are currently partially supported by our Singapore church (Agape Baptist Church). However, we would like to raise more funds specifically for our ministry work. The amount raised will be set aside for projects such as the farm, community outreach, and future rental needs.

Drop us a message to find out more!

TOTAL AMOUNT RAISED: S\$1,523



Updates on Farm Project

The initial plan for the Maesa farm project was to have Sorn’s parents involved in the overall construction and management. This farm is to serve as our self-sustainability avenue for the support of ministry funds. However, Sorn’s father was recently appointed as an elder of the church and is currently going through transition as he adapts to the new role in the village.



With the construction of Maesa Farm delayed, we have decided to move the F.A.I.T.H (Food Always In The House) project to the family’s backyard, by extending the existing plot of crops. This will serve as our testing ground for rural families to produce adequate nutritious vegetables all year round with minimal costs, labour, and land space.

Pray for Us:

- Management and building of FAITH farm project.
- Sorn’s father as he adapts to the new role of serving in church.
- Sorn as he juggles assignments from his online classes.
- Yulian as she finds time to improve her Thai language for counselling and ministry.
- Wisdom and discernment of God’s leading for ministry plans.
- Pastor Ek’s ministry as they opened a new Christian center at Tron district, being the first Christian presence there.

Updates on Uttaradit Trips

We thank God for the fruitful trips we’ve had to Uttaradit thus far. Out of the 9 districts in the province, we have visited the work of Pastor Ek in 3 districts - Meung, Tron, Phichai. It is encouraging to see the church community being a living body of Christ, reaching out to help their neighbours and being a good witness of God wherever they go. And through that, we see new believers being added to the church.

As part of our surveying plan, we intend to visit the churches planted by Pastor Ek in the other 2 districts - Laplae and Thong Saen khan.

Keep us in prayer as we survey the ground, that God will grant us discernment as to which district he is leading us to plant our outreach center work.



Phichai district church



University Outreach @ Meung district



Christian center @ Tron district



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