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THE ANURAKTHANIS

Reflections: The Lord of the Harvest

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Then he (Jesus) said to his disciples,
“The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;
therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest
to send out labourers into his harvest.”

Matthew 9:37 - 38, ESV.

Stepping into a city filled with rich history and culture of Thai and Buddhism is a challenge for me. Even though I am from Thailand, my upbringing and worldview is rather different. I am a 4th generation Christian, from a hilltribe village, and familiar with the mountainous way of life. To start a ministry in Uttaradit is to literally step into unknown ground.

During our last trip, my heart is encouraged to see God preparing his people as labourers in his harvest field. One of this is Aunty Baplung, the first Christian in the district before the church was built. She greeted us with hospitality by offering us comfortable accommodation and yummy meals daily. Despite facing rejection from family and neighbours, she persisted in her faith and would travel to the city every Sunday by train to attend church. When Pastor Ek was starting a church in her district, she offered her own house for the Sunday service. When we were there, she brought us along to visit and encourage her friends who were struggling in their faith.



Yes, the harvest is plentiful in Uttaradit. Yet, we are not left alone to do the harvesting. We are not told to go look for more labourers or to put in more hours in the field. But we are called to pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out more labourers. There is hope when we put our trust in God. It is God who prepares the right people to labour alongside in his ministry. Join us in praying earnestly.



Upcoming Plans:

- Jun'23 - Maesa FAITH farm
- Jul - Aug'23 - Uttaradit trip (English class)
- Sep'23 - Maesa FAITH farm
- Singapore trip
- Dec'23 - 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\$2,870

S\$639.50

EXPENSES

S\$2,230.50

BALANCE



Uttaradit - Phichai District

It is a joy to see new believers and seekers joining the church. The weekend at Phichai church is filled with activities to help the congregation grow deep in their faith. The newly started youth ministry (2 months old) have seen 4 new believers faithfully growing in God's word during Saturday cell and Sunday youth service. It is currently led by the older youths (Pan, Nun, and Yacht). Both Pan and Nun will be heading to Bangkok in August for their university studies. Pan has received full scholarship, while Nun is raising funds for his seminary studies. Keep them in prayer as they move through this transition.



YOUTH MINISTRY BIBLE STUDY


The existing children outreach on Saturday is full of life. However, they are lacking in labourers to teach and engage the children. We will be helping to support the ministry

during our upcoming 2 months stay there. Pray for wisdom as the children are mostly pre-believers.

Pray for Us:

- Favour from authorities and citizens in Tron district as we begin building relationships.
- Fruitful time during English class for the children in Tron district.
- More labourers to join in the work at Uttaradit.
- Growing in God's word in Phichai church ministry.
- Wisdom and discernment of God's leading for ministry plans.
- Be a good witness for Christ wherever we go, bringing God's presence and love to others.

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Upcoming Work in Uttaradit - Tron District

Remember this place?



This is a Christian center at the Tron district, the first Christian presence there. However, due to some setbacks, Pastor Ek's initial plans for ministry there has been delayed and the Christian center has been left empty. A medical mission group from Bangkok was also recently prohibited from providing free clinics due to conflict of interests.

Amidst these disappointments, God opens a door. The principal and students from Chumchon BanKaeng School enjoyed the activity conducted by the previous mission team in Feb. Concurrently, we have

also decided to zoom in our ground survey work in Tron district by staying for a longer period of 2 months. The principal is welcoming us to teach English in school for that 2 months! This is a great opportunity for us to build relationship with the children and gain credibility with the school authorities and parents at the same time. This was also how the church in Phichai district started - through classes held in schools.

Pray for us as we prepare for our 8 weeks English class. Most importantly, pray for the 2 months (Jul - Aug) of living amongst the locals in Tron and bringing the presence of God to the community.

