

## Inter –Ethnic Evangelical Ministry(IEM)

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This was a picture of the landscape I took near Petchaburi. Palm trees everywhere.

***Romans 1:16 “For I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God unto salvation for everyone who believes”***

***Romans 8:31 “If God is for us who can be against us?”***

### ***1) Holiday in South Africa***

Good day everyone. Since my last newsletter in February it has almost been three months.

The 24<sup>th</sup> of March I came back to South Africa for a holiday and it has been very enjoyable. I’ve had some great times of fellowship with friends and family in

Bloemfontein, Cape Town, Malmesbury, Hartenbos and Vanstadensrus. Surprisingly I’ve had the chance to share the gospel with many in South Africa as well and had the opportunity to hand out a few tracts as well, although this wasn’t my focus. At a friend’s house in Bloemfontein we had a cell group where I shared a lot about Thailand and the essence of the gospel. Many times in informal settings we get the privilege to share about God and His Word. It’s been great to be back although I haven’t been able to visit all of my prayer supporters and friends especially in Pretoria and KwaSizaBantu. The reason for this is because I’ve been preparing sermons for an opportunity to minister in Vanstadensrus in the Free State. Later about this in point 3 in the letter.

I’ve also been praying and thinking about the future and about Thailand and going back there. Right now I’m in the process of deciding which church and mission organization to work with in the future. I would like to work with a mission organization because then you are less isolated and have more support. That has been my experience when I worked in KwasiZabantu mission for 7 years during 2004-2010. It makes a lot of difference when you live and work in a mission field where you have a lot of people to talk to in your own language. So I’ve been trying in my holidays to connect and speak with people to see the best way forward. I’ve made contact with Japan Mission, but they have no opening yet, only in September 2014.

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I've also made contact with SAAWE(South African Action for World Evangelization). Apparently they have a few vacancies available. But I don't know if these are salaried positions or not. They also have an Internet Ministry almost the same as Global Media Outreach but they are still in the beginning stages. They also bring people in contact with mission-organizations. Because I'm a qualified pastor in the Dutch Reformed Church I've also looked at vacancies in the Church and possibilities with them. The difficult thing at the moment is to decide if I want to support myself in the mission field or not. Last year I've supported myself financially and I still think this is the easier way. But my question is what is God's will for me in the future. Does He want me to support myself financially or not at this stage of my life? Or should I depend financially on supporters?

### 2 Thailand

Since February there have been some developments. Karuna and I have finished our English classes at the Church in Petchaburi. It was a great time as I said before. I had the opportunity to share my testimony in the church as well with a translator, which went great. The two women who received Jesus of whom I told you about earlier, were glowing with joy. Some of the church members of Seed Church were baptized in the sea between one of our classes. I've also continued with giving out gospel booklets of World Missionary Press a few times in Bangkok and in Ratchaburi. Our job as Christians is to sow the seed of the good news through our lives, our deeds and our words. My

God give the increase. Like Paul said *in 1 Corinthians 3. "He that sows is nothing and he that reaps is nothing, but God that gives the increase."* So let's pray that God will use our feeble attempts to glorify Himself.



In a Tuk-Tuk in Ratchaburi going to a mall with my Filipino colleagues.



Enjoying ice cream with colleagues at my birthday.



This is an interesting picture. You get this

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all over in our school. A teacher of Buddhism and his disciples. As I shared before, there are about 400 000 Buddhist monks in Thailand and they wear garments like these in the picture. The Buddha is reckoned to be a holy man and the closest you get to Nirvana is by being a Buddhist monk.

### **3 Ministry at Vanstadensrus**

God has opened a door for me to preach in Vanstadensrus. At the moment they don't have a minister and so I offered to help out on Sundays and at Pentecost services coming up now from the 12<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup> of May. I've preached there the past two Sundays as well. It is a great opportunity to share God's Word so I would be grateful if you could pray for me as well for the coming week. I will be staying there for the week. I also applied for their minister's post.

### **4 Global Media Outreach**

I've been busy with this online ministry throughout my holidays. It takes an hour to two hours a day to reply to contacts I receive. In this ministry you don't always see the fruit of your labour, but now and again you get people with interesting questions about the gospel or their life or people who want to surrender their lives to God, which are encouraging.

We are required to pray for our contacts each day as well. I get about two to five new contacts each day in which I share the gospel and/or relevant messages or templates, depending from what country or background they are. After a week I have to give a second touch reply and link

them to Bibles they can download and read. I also link them to discipleship material and relevant websites depending on their background.

If I don't hear anything from them again I will after two months reply again with questions about how things are going and if they still want to follow God etc. We always have to write down a prayer for them at the end. Again we encourage them to visit discipleship websites and to connect with a local church. Many contacts write back and share their burdens with us and ask for prayer which makes the work fulfilling. However, most of the contacts don't reply a second or third time. It could be because of fear, because many are women from Muslims countries or because of an inability to write in English. Anyway each contact that visits the 50 odd websites of Global Media Outreach are exposed to the gospel and linked to websites that can help them, which makes it an awesome ministry, that is, to reach the unreached and least evangelized in the world. Please keep praying for these people that they may get involved in a local Christian fellowship in their own town or country. We know how important this is to grow and stand strong in the faith. If you feel inspired or called to reach the lost, unreached or even Christians, or even if you want to pray for people but you don't know how, why don't you consider becoming involved in this ministry. At [www.globalmediaoutreach.org](http://www.globalmediaoutreach.org) you can join if God calls you. Online training and instruction is given once your application is accepted.

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### 5 Future Ministry

A book that I've been reading and studying recently that has been a great blessing to me is "Don't waste Your life" by John Piper. I recommend it heartily to any believer. You can download it for free from [www.DesiringGod.org](http://www.DesiringGod.org). Or you can buy it if you want to support his ministry. It is also a great book to give to unbelievers who wonder what life is all about. It is not a long read but a fulfilling one. As I shared in the first section, I'm in the process of deciding what to do next and applying to different mission-organizations and ministers positions in the NG Church. I would like to keep on working with Global Media Outreach but the question arises: what else? Salaried post or not? Please pray for me for clear guidance. My interests are teaching, evangelizing and missions.

It would be possible to go back to Thailand because there are English posts available all year round with different agencies. But I would like to work with a mission-organization and preferably with a International church unless God leads otherwise.



This guy rode with his clothes hanging form a rod on top of his bike. Quite a sight. Things like this are quite common in

Thailand. You will even see small furniture and appliances being transported on scooters.

### 6 Praise/Prayer Points

*If there is anything specific you want me to pray for please let me know.*

- **Praise**
- Praise God for His goodness, mercy, grace and His manifold perfections. **(Exodus 34:6;7).**
- Praise God for His sovereign work in calling, justifying, sanctifying and glorifying sinners for His glory. **(Romans 8:28-30).**
- Praise God for opportunities to share His grace and Word with people.**(Ephesians 6:15,19).**
- Praise God for His protection, provision, providence in our lives.
- **Prayer**
- For clear guidance with which mission-organization and church I should work with**(Psalm 3:5-7).**
- For holiness in my walk with God**(Hebrew 12:14).**
- For Vanstadensrus Pentecost outreach. That God would speak what is on his heart and for receptive hearts.
- Doors opening and closing as God predetermined for future ministry and wor.**(Ephesians 2:10).**

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A man who plays music on a flute in Bangkok to earn a living. I gave Him a Gospel booklet.



The photo is a bit dark. But if you look carefully you will see a security guard on a two-wheeler motorbike. It looks as if he is from outer space. I took a photo of him at the Bangkok Airport.



This is definitely the cheapest form of food in Thailand. I forgot what you call it but it is sweetened rice folded up in palm tree leaves. It costs between 5-10 Baht. Between R1-3 for a nice nutritious snack.

**Romans 11:36: “For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever”**



My Grade 4 English Class.



The busy streets in Bangkok



I bought a cup of coffee in one of Bangkok’s shopping malls. They brought me this transparent plastic cup. Quite a nice cup it was!

**Philippians 4:19: “And My God will supply in all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus”**