

# Interethnic Evangelical Ministry

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Life is going well here in Thailand by God's grace. I managed to get my Work Permit and work Visa sorted out. I must say I didn't think it would be so difficult to be legally able to stay here. The authorities has made it more difficult now because of abuses and there are a lot of costs involved getting all the things in order. I had to go to a Thai culture seminar near Bangkok which also cost a lot of money. But I can't complain even if there are a lot of costs involved. The Caucasians always get more money in the teaching profession. At the seminar I met a few people form Great Britain and some make over 80 000 Baht per month with extra classes.

The local church here where I am attending changed their name to Seed church. It was called Hope church previously but because of financial problems they decided to join another group of churches. I usually get my evangelistic resources there and they are not far from where I stay.

They helped me to get a second hand scooter as well for about 13 000 Baht which is not much. It is great to have some wheels again. I sometimes go and play basketball or volleyball with the locals or the Filipino's which is a nice variety. At school the young boys play table tennis. I must say these guys really can play well. I haven't had much time to learn Thai, but I have learnt how to count and a few essential words and phrases. The schedule is quite hectic at the school. We stop classes only at 3:30 in the afternoon and in between we have to do marking and all the other administration work that goes along with teaching.

### **2. *English Seminar***

After 10 weeks we finished the seminar in August which I think was a great success by God's grace. It was a first for the school and for the teachers as well. It is a new initiative

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that the government has the other East Asian countries. To do this they must to unite and work with improve their

English skills. These countries include Bahrain, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines; Laos; Cambodia; Vietnam; Thailand and Myanmar. The seminar was aimed at improving the speaking skills of the teachers. The teachers were all English teachers. But their main focus is grammar. In this seminar we had many opportunities to teach them English songs with a Christian message. Although most of the teachers are Buddhist, they didn't mind.

### **3. Global Media Outreach**

This ministry of Campus Crusade is quite exiting to me. As I have told you in the previous letter I have applied and they accepted me to be an online missionary. This ministry have different websites on the Internet and they reply to people who have different spiritual needs: from marriage to recommitment to Christ and questions about the Christian faith to surrendering their lives to Christ. The task of the online missionary is to evangelise and do follow up through messages and prayer. They really guide a person well how to do this and it is not very complicated. Although you never see these people it is valuable correspondence that you can have in such peoples lives and it doesn't take that much time as well. They have had literally millions of hits and questions coming from people all over the world to their websites and have made an appeal to Christians to become involved. What is great about this ministry is that you can reach people

literally from all over the world with the gospel from the safety of your home. And it depends on you how many responses you give and how involved you become. If you have a heart in reaching the lost with the life saving message of Jesus Christ and don't know where to start why don't you apply. Go to [www.globalmediaoutreach.com](http://www.globalmediaoutreach.com) You don't need a theological degree. You just need to be a believer and a person who believes that the "gospel is the power of God for everyone who believes" Rom 1:16.

### **4. Ministry opportunities**

As I mentioned I get evangelistic supplies from Seed church which I attend during Sundays. They have different tracts and booklets. They also have lots of Gideon Bibles and many Jesus films in Thai. I have acquired some of these and it has been my privilege to hand out lots of booklets from World Missionary Press to the Thai's. As you might have reckoned by now, I am one of those souls who believe Jesus is the only way to God and without knowing Him as your Saviour and Lord a person is lost for all eternity. The gospel must go out and whether we are in Europe, South Africa or in Asia, everybody needs Christ and as far as I can see it, the people here in Thailand are deeply entrenched and proud of their Buddhism roots and spirituality. Almost everywhere you go you get statues of Buddha and there are temples in abundance. Also from my colleagues at work it seems popular and

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“in” to say yes, we all serve the same God, “I do it my Hindu way, you in your Muslim way and you in your Christian way. We all serve the same God” This position is anti – Christ. The first commandment says “ you will have no other gods besides Me” Exodus 20. In handing out booklets I know that many seed will fall on unfruitful ground, but God’s command stands in Mark 16:15 “Go out and preach the gospel to every creature”, and Luke 24:47” and repentance and forgiveness of sins must be preached to all nations”. Acts 1:8 “ you will receive power to be My witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth”

Besides the booklets I have had some great conversations and witnessing opportunities with foreigners. Three Chinese girls, on different occasions with Filipino’s; An English man; and two English ladies who rejected my messages and turned to try and evict me from the school but failed in their attempt. They taught at our school but was unhappy about many things and then left and wrote letters to the principal about all the things they were unhappy about.

I went to a care group as well once and shared my testimony with the Thai’s on one occasion. At last we are going to begin a Bible study group in our block of flats. It took some time but is mainly among the Filipino’s. There are only two Protestant believers among them and about 20-25 Catholic Christians. The two Protestant believers and I will begin this group on Sunday and invite the others to join as we go along.

Holidays coming so much time for gospel booklets and tract distribution. Please pray for this. I am also going to visit missionaries at the south of Thailand and attend a church camp.

## **5. Prayer and praise**

- a) For daily fellowship with God.
- b) For protection and growing in grace and knowledge of God.
- c) Learning Thai
- d) YWAM and their ministries in Ratchaburi, Thailand also GMO’s ministries.
- e) That gospel seeds and friendships will have God’s desired outcomes.
- f) Holiness in my walk with God.
- g) Teaching English would be a success.
- h) For the Bible study group to grow.

## **Praise**

- a) God’s mercy, grace and love.
- b) For the cross of Calvary, Jesus intercession at God’s right hand and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
- c) For daily necessities.
- d) For discipline when needed.
- e) For God’s daily provision, protection and providence in daily life.



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This photo was taken at a Buddhist Temple. It was one of the outings the gr 6's had to show respect to the monks. Apparently to have a monk as a son is the greatest honour a parent can have in Thailand.



Another photo of the monks. Monks do not have a lot of possessions and live as beggars on the streets. By giving them food or money a person obtains merits in the Buddhist religion.



There are lots of coconuts in Thailand. At some vendors the juice is free of charge and the skin inside is a kind of a delicacy.



Some of my grade 6 pupils having instruction from the environmentalists.



There are probably more motorcycles and scooters than cars in Thailand. The one below is the one I bought.



This is a picture of octopuses. You can buy one for about 10 Baht(R2,5). It taste quite nice, almost like calamari, a bit tasteless but nice with a bit of vinegar and sauce.

