THIS WEEK we’d like to invite you to pray especially for our church planting team here in Ayutthaya, Thailand. I think church planting is one of the hardest jobs in the world, often challenging, often rewarding.

The Thai members of our team consist of four individuals. They are all from the northeastern part of Thailand but they each bring different strengths and backgrounds to the mix.

**PASTOR ANUPONG** attended the former Mission College here in Thailand and graduated from Adventist University of the Philippines (AUP). He has been working here for three years.

He is a quiet man, tactful yet steadfast, reserved and polite, talented, committed, and determined.

**PASTOR PRAKASIT** was a Buddhist monk for three years before coming to know Jesus. After baptism he prepared for the ministry and graduated from Mission College. He is gifted, relaxed, relational, curious, and kind. He married **KHUN MAEW** who is a registered nurse. During nurses training at Mission College she also had become a Seventh-day Adventist and is still the only Christian in her family, although her parents have learned to appreciate the health message and the work she and her husband are doing. Words that apply to Maew are hard-working, communicator, expressive, humble,

As a team they are responsible for sharing the gospel and establishing a multiplying church in the province of Ayutthaya where there are very few Christians and only one small company of Seventh-day Adventists.

They've learned to design worship services from scratch in a special Thai way. They have helped edit and design our materials for the Buddhist Study Center, specifically
Last month he married Khun Da with whom he became acquainted during AIU days.

Khun Da was converted while studying for her degree in accounting and at this time is the only Seventh-day Adventist in her family.

**KHUN MIEW** is also a graduate of Mission College and came to know the Lord while studying for her bachelor’s degree in Art and Humanities. Although her parents did not want her to become a Christian, they consented when they saw who she had become, a better daughter, a better sister, a better person. Consequently they chose for her brother to attend the same university. Miew originally came to Ayutthaya to teach Thai to our foreign workers. She stayed on to help with various projects, and we found her help so valuable that when a team of church planters was initiated she was invited to become a part. She’s been with us for four and a half years. She is faithful, willing, committed, sincere, and has an attentive helpfulness.

**NEWSTART PLUS and Bridge of Hope.** They have given numerous Bible studies and lots of home visits.

They have worked together giving NEWSTART PLUS programs, English camps, and branch Sabbath Schools for young people. They have done youth programs combining information on anti-drug and health, with activities and Bible stories.

**FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY**
(January 14-17) the team has set aside for a special spiritual retreat culminating in a planning session for the coming year. Truly the enemy doesn’t want God’s plans to be realized. Through earnest prayer God can overrule. Would you join us in interceding for them particularly during these upcoming 4 days?

PLEASE also keep them in prayer as they continue to introduce the Buddhists in the central valley of Thailand to Jesus, and lead them to understand and value His Lordship. Please pray for these special four to hear God’s leading and to be filled with His courage, boldness, and deep love.

For training resources and special studies to share with Buddhists, visit: www.BridgesforMinistry.org.

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