Flood waters rise...the reality in pictures

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- Aerial views that show the vast amount of flooding in Thailand
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Reality in Pictures

Flood waters rise...

This is an eNewsletter dedicated mostly dedicated to pictures of the flooding. Somehow, seeing with our eyes helps us to understand the situation a little better, does it not?

Observe, consider, and please pray.

Getting around is slow, tedious, and hard on machinery...
The island city of Ayutthaya is now a lake.

Flooding continues.

Many people have been evacuated, as seen above. Others with a 2nd or 3rd floor have chosen to stay. Either choice is a hardship.

The highway connecting Nakhon Luang to the Asia Highway is now breaking off in large pieces due to the rushing floodwaters.
Bangkok is under increased threat of flooding. Families whose homes are under water have moved to higher ground. For some that is a tent on the side of the highway. For some it is a shelter of tarps at the edge of the rice field. It is a sobering time in Thailand. Please pray for increased wisdom for Christians. May God show us how to reach people in this vulnerable situation with the news of a loving Saviour, and that because of Him...there is hope.

Early this week ADRA and Thailand Adventist Mission (TAM) came with packets that included rice, canned goods, instant Thai noodles, medicine, flashlights, toilet paper and more, even a nice t-shirt with 2 sentences in Thai about the soon coming of Jesus. We have already seen people wearing them! A number of the recipients spoke of their appreciation particularly of the good quality of the rice. ADRA and TAM have partnered on this effort and are continuing to take supplies to other areas in this country where the need is great.

Unloading...to reload into

ADRA / TAM and the BSC team (Global Mission Buddhist Study Center) pass out supplies to flood victims. Our team was able to find villages that were in great need. We were able to do this by working with the leaders of the smaller villages. In this way we were able to help where no one else had.

We traveled by motorboats across submerged rice fields that now took on the appearance of San Francisco Bay. As we got closer we realized the only thing visible was rooftops and the 2nd floor of taller homes.

TAM President Pastor Chanchai took this opportunity to pray a Christian prayer among Buddhists. He briefly introduced Seventh-day Adventists as their brothers and sisters. In prayer he reminded us all that we are sinners in need of a Savior...

and that Jesus is that Savior.
boats
Loaded with food packets out
to the remote
village
Some come riding on large
pieces of styrofoam...others use
them as a way to carry their
things

Part of our team drove back to Ayutthaya to take packets for the community
around our church, where at least 4' of water remains. Pastor Prakasit spoke
with members of the Royal Thai Navy asking if they would be able to deliver
him and the supplies
to the 2nd floor of our Center (church) in Ayutthaya.
They were more than happy to
Byron Reynolds was able to do some physical therapy on the Naval Commander while we waited for the boats.

If you would like to help ADRA and Thailand Adventist Mission (TAM) help the people of Thailand please [click here](https://www.adra.org) to donate to ADRA and see below for transferring a donation from your bank to TAM.

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Account: Seventh-day Adventist Church of Thailand
Account #: 971-2-02160-5
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