MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We would like to thank God for His blessings towards His church in Thailand. When we count the blessings throughout the year we can see His guidance and protection to His church, working closely with His servants in Thailand. It is true that we faced many challenges throughout the year, but with His guiding power leading us, we can see a very evident success in the ministry of God in this mission.

This year we have built three churches--Payapipat, in Chiangrai Province, Nonghainoi in Amnatcharen, and Maisangnam in Maehongson. We still plan to build more churches in places such as Pawai, in Tak Province; Melanoi in Maehongson; Kunwang in Chiangmai; Kunkamlang in Phayao; and Hue Han in Chiangrai.

This year we have established six worship groups -- Chumpoon City, Ban 19 in Tak Province, Ban Kanokngan in Phetchaboon Province, Ban Tapberg Khao in Phetchaboon Province, and Srakeow City. We pray that these groups will grow to be companies and will be established as churches in the future.

We have also organized five congregations with company status for the mission--Chantaburi, Minburi, Nawamin, Thonburi, and Thungmahachalerm. Two new churches were established this year – Kunklang in Chiangmai Province and Huaymaiphen in Mae Sot City.

The Lord also blesses us financially. Many times we prayed for financial direction especially during this year of political crisis and problems in the country. The Lord always provides what we need to do His work in the country of Thailand.

God also blessed us with 448 baptisms for this year up to 3rd Quarter.

Thailand Adventist Mission would like to say thank you very much for all your prayers, your donations, and your support as you partner with working to minister to the people of Thailand. When we look at all the disasters that are happening from day to day we know that it is God’s reminder to the Thai people so we need to reach out to as many as we can and lead them to God’s Kingdom before it is too late for them and for us to be part of soul winning.

We pray for your continued support for the finishing of the Lord’s work in this land!

--Chanchai Kiatyanyong

EVANGELISM ACTIVITIES

1. Maesot- Western Region

Thailand Adventist Mission had been blessed by the Europe4Jesus Group, led by Doctor Harry Cabungcal. The members are composed of the following:

Jan Harry Cabungcal         Geraldine Lerus         Remila L
Sabina Cabungcal             Michaelo Angelo Assuncion    Ew Paw Thaung
Naomi Cabungcal (child)      Theres Buchli             Kay Ku
Martin Kim                   Dr. Richard Buchli          John Kitevski
Julian Gudmundson            Jack P Toke

Before the arrival of the Europe4Jesus group in Thailand to hold evangelistic meetings from July 20 to August 6 in Maesot area and surrounding churches, Thailand Adventist Mission asked the local church pastors to plan and do the ground work. The church pastors divided the church members by group with the church elders as leaders to do visitation, contacting people at each of the sites. The sites of the evangelistic meetings were Huaymaphen, Mela Camp, Themu, Kanechaeu, Maesot, and Kohwua. During the week it was raining every night, but because of the good
preparation, many people still came to attend at each site. All of the group members took turns to speak. Two persons were assigned for each site and they spoke alternately. The members are all dynamic speakers. Thailand Mission assigned good translators for the speakers in different languages such as Karen and Burmese.

We thank God for this special evangelism and His blessings throughout the time of the event. There were no problems that came with regards to health, food, and travel. Everything went smoothly as planned.

The climax of the evangelism was the baptism of 40 souls on August 6, 2011. We praise the Lord for these precious souls who accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior. After the baptism we also organized a follow up system for the same groups who did the groundwork to do the follow up work. We visited all the sites after the evangelistic meetings and the church members are enthusiastic in mentoring the new members and the members themselves have revived their faith.

We pray that this program will continue for the next year for the growth of the church in the Western region of Thailand. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

2. Maesalong – North Region

Thailand Adventist Mission in cooperation with the Chinese Union Mission opened new work for the Chinese community in Maesalong. After training from the 1000 Missionary Movement in the Philippines, Ying and Liu Ming, from the Chinese Union, were sent to minister in the Maesalong area.

We supported the Chinese Missionaries by organizing health evangelism with Doctor Charles Loo, a medical doctor from Singapore and Doctor Supachai Wongpichetchai, an Ophthalmologist from Bangkok. Doctor Loo comes every other month for health evangelism in this area.

Doctor Terry Tsui, Global Chinese Evangelism Director of the Chinese Union Mission. his wife, and one Bible worker conducted a short series of evangelistic meetings from August 17 to 20, 2011.

Since the ground work was done well and consistently for the whole year, the result was the baptism of 10 candidates and one member was accepted by profession of faith. Pastor Kittikoon Khawinyangyuen, Church Pastor for the area, Pastor Rungsit Satayavaksakool, and Pastor Terry Tsui conducted the baptisms. There are many young people and adults who are in the process of studying the Bible. We pray that through the guidance of the Holy Spirit there are more people who will come to know the Lord.
3. Nonthaburi Hope for Bangkok Center

From September 9 to 17, 2011, evangelistic meetings were conducted in Nonthaburi, one of the Hope for Bangkok Centers. The groundwork was done by Hope for Bangkok pioneers, Sisonthoune Navadi, Saw Alvin and Erwin Mamhot.

Mrs Helen Gulfan, Southern Asia-Pacific Division Women’s Ministries Director was scheduled as the speaker for the evangelistic meetings but because of her busy schedule Thailand Mission asked Pastor Songrit Detwinya, the Mission’s Ministerial Secretary to lead out.

The result of these evangelistic meetings was a revival for the members and several interests are now taking Bible classes in preparation for baptism.

A Sunday keeper family attended this church after making contact at the Health Expo 2010 in Bangkok. This family is attending church faithfully and is now in the process of taking Bible studies, and getting ready for baptism.

Now as we near the end of 2011, several Hope for Bangkok teams are doing evangelism. We encourage them to consistently participate in friendship evangelism while also doing the groundwork for a public evangelism effort. There are several Hope for Bangkok sites that are growing and will move from group status to company status and finally become a church.

We would like to thank Southern Asia-Pacific Division for their financial support and prayers.

4. Sriracha, Srakaeow, Korat, Surin, Koksri, and Udonthanee

Elder Marvin and Mrs Alta Krause came again this year from the USA to hold several evangelistic meetings during the months of October and November. This is the third year they have returned to Thailand for missionary work. The Thailand Adventist Mission did the groundwork before the arrival of Elder and Mrs Krause. During the evangelistic meetings at each site, our local church pastors accompanied them on visits to church members and others who were interested to make friends, gave Bible studies, nurturing them in their spiritual growth.

We found out that God really blessed the visiting team and those who were visited. We believe that using this evangelistic procedure of returning early, that the church will grow not only spiritually but in gaining new members.

Two precious souls were baptized in Sriracha and eight in Srakaeow. Work at the rest of the sites is still on-going. We appreciate very much the commitment of Elder Marvin and Mrs Alta Krause. We pray that God will provide good health for them to serve God for many more years ahead.

Thailand Adventist Mission encourages all the churches to hold at least two evangelistic meetings using local pastors/speakers each year. Please continue to pray for them and for the work of the Thailand Mission.

OPENING NEW WORK

Thailand Adventist Mission coordinated with the Buddhist Study Center to open two new work projects in Anthong and Supanburi provinces in the Central Valley of Thailand. The funding of these projects came from an appropriation from “E-Tithe” through the General Conference, Southern Asia-Pacific Division and Southeast Asia Union Mission of Seventh-day Adventists. The rest of the funding was provided by Thailand Adventist Mission.

Pastor Anupong Jioikhorat is leading the Anthong Outreach Center and Pastor Pongnarin Rattanaphan, the Supanburi Outreach Center. We encourage friendship evangelism to become better known in the community. Community service such as teaching English through Bible stories is encouraged as well as asking the department heads of Thailand Mission to carry out surveys to better understand the community, health and family needs.
We are encouraging the department heads to work together to support this new work with the Buddhist Study Center and the surrounding churches. These two provinces are the heart of the Buddhist religion in Thailand because these places are surrounded by many temples. We realize that this is a real challenge to the ministry. We cannot succeed in this new work without the power of the Holy Spirit, so we solicit your faithful prayers and support.

THAILAND ADVENTIST MISSION ORGANIZES KUNKLANG AND HUAYMAYPHEN CHURCHES

This year Thailand Adventist Mission thanks God that we were able to organize two churches from company to church status. Actually, Thailand Mission has several churches with company status and we are encouraging church members to work hard to reach the requirements for church status.

When the congregation is organized as a church we ask all the departments to build up that church so the local members can grow their numbers by reaching out to their community by planning to plant churches. By this way all the church members can participate in the ministry.

Pastor Nipitpon Pongteekatasana, Thailand Mission Executive Secretary and Pastor Ramin Toungdaeng, North Zone 1 Coordinator, officiated at the organization of Kungklang church on February 26, 2011.

Then on July 23, 2011, Pastor Nipitpon Pongteekatasana and Miss Patcharaporn Satayavaksakoon, Thailand Mission Treasurer, went to Huaymayphen Church for the opening.

ORDINATION OF PASTORS

This year the Thailand Mission Executive Committee, with the approval of the Southeast Asia Union Mission voted to ordain four pastors to the ministry. Pastor Simon Siew, Southeast Asia Union Mission Ministerial Secretary, Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong, Thailand Mission President, Pastor Nipitpon Pongteekatasana, Thailand Mission Executive Secretary, and Pastor Songrit Detwinya, Thailand Mission Ministerial Secretary, worked together to meet with these pastors and their families.

The following ordination ceremonies were held:
November 12, 2011 at Karen Adventist Academy Church
1. Pastor Thein Tin Aye – Karen Adventist Academy Church Pastor
2. Pastor Saw Nelson – Church Pastor in No Man’s Land
and November 19, 2011 at Khunsanai Church
3. Pastor Yona Wachnanapasuk – Khunsanai Church Pastor
4. Pastor Apisit Ja-ngae – Lampang Church Pastor

Please pray for these newly ordained pastors as they grow in their ministry.

CAMP MEETINGS 2011

1. Around 450 youth from all over Thailand attended the Hmong Youth Camp held from April 20 to 24 in one of the public schools located in Phetchaboon Province. Pastor Wirachai Annekunnawut, Thailand Mission Youth Director, and Pastor Chanchai Kiatyanyong, Thailand Mission President, were the lecturers/speakers for the camp. About 20 per cent of attendees came from other denominations.

The camp meeting theme was Revival and Reformation. The purpose was to bring revival to the youth and train them to do missionary work and evangelism for the church. We realized that if the youth are involved in church activities, then church
growth will be faster. This has resulted in youth giving more Bible studies and winning new members from other Christian denominations.

Each year the number of Hmong Youth increases. It is a challenge to find a place to hold the camp, so we are encouraging each zone to set up youth officers and plan their own youth camps.

The climax of the camp was the baptism of 35 souls.

2. A successful Karen Youth Camp was held from April 18 to 20 at Kanechue Church, Tak Province. There were about 350 young people who came and actively involved themselves in all camp activities. Special music, personal testimonies and community service/outreach reports were highlights of the camp. Pastor Ramin Toundaeng, the zone leader and a number of Karen pastors gave inspirational messages and lectures for the camp. The youth raised their own funds to be able to attend.

3. The Northeast Family Camp was held from April 4 to 7 in Korat National Park. There were about 325 attendees including children. This was a combined family camp and the program was divided into programs for each of the youth, children, and adult groups with activities matching the age group. Programs were composed of Bible contests of text memorization and questions and answers. The youth and adults were very active in participating in these Bible games.

Each year we encourage the young people to invite their Buddhist and Sunday keeper friends to participate in our Family Camp. This year we praise God for the 28 souls who accepted Jesus Christ in baptism. These newborn souls were prepared by our church pastors by going through the 28 SDA doctrines/beliefs. They had already made decisions at each of the local churches before they came to be baptized during the camp meeting.

A new set of officers were elected at the end of the camp to plan for the activities of the next year’s camp. We also encourage all the local churches to plan for family camp to bring the family together and plan together for family ministry and healthy families in the church.

EDUCATION/UPGRADING/LAY TRAINING

Upgrading

Thailand Adventist Mission realized that we need to build up future leadership and prepare more workers to go into un-entered areas. Suradet Kawinyangyuen and Pornsak Kawinyangyuen are in the process of upgrading their qualifications at the Asia Pacific International University in Muak Lek, Thailand. These two students will finish their studies just one year from now.

Thailand Adventist Mission, in coordination with Asia Pacific International University, is currently investing in the training of 27 pastors from the field with a special Bachelor’s Degree in Theology. This course will take about five years to complete. Each year the Thailand Mission spends about Bht 300,000 or US$8,855. We hope that we will produce a good team of educated workers for the Lord’s work in Thailand.

Lay Training

The second group going through lay training is currently in progress. We encourage our active members from all the churches in Thailand to come for this training. Right now we have 22 active lay members, many of whom are elders of the church, attending this program. The more training they receive from the Mission the more they can support the work in the local church.
Thailand Mission provides accommodation and food, while the curriculum for lay training is from Southeast Asia Union Mission. The local churches pay for transportation. The cost of the training each year is approximately Bht 70,000 or US$ 2,066.

We would like to thank all our donors who are supporting us financially and through your prayers.

**THAILAND ADVENTIST MISSION OFFICE RENOVATIONS**

Thailand Adventist Mission Office was built many years ago. From time to time we try to renovate here and there in the most needed areas. But this year, the ceiling was falling down in almost every office so we decided to replace the ceiling for the whole upstairs area. Four or five bids were sought and finally we chose a quote from the most qualified builder with a reasonable price. Now the renovation has started and is about 60% complete. One challenge has been that the floods have affected the home of our contractor, so the work has now slowed down. We will spend Bht 80,000 or US$2,361 for the labor and Bht 50,000 or US$ 1,476 for the materials. Once the renovations had started we discovered that the roof had been leaking in parts and so this also will have to be fixed. At least though we found out that the framework and general structure of our building is very strong and we still can use it for many years in the future.

The ground floor where the ABC is located is also being renovated. The Southeast Asia Union Mission transferred the management of the ABC Book Center to Thailand Adventist Mission. Thailand Mission has a translation committee to translate as many of Mrs. White’s books as possible into the Thai Language. The books that have already been translated into Thai will be revised and reprinted and these will be available in the ABC bookstore. Thailand Mission has also coordinated with the Bible Society to stock the relevant translations of the Bible in our bookstore.

A long held dream of a library for the staff and pastors for research purposes is also planned for one section of this floor. Another section will be for the display and sale of Handicraft Center products from Chiangmai. And yet another section will be for the products of Mission Health Food Company with a section also serving as a bookstore for the Home Health Education Service (HHES). And finally the office of the SDA English Language School will be housed in another section.

The approximate cost will be Bht 600,000 or US$17,710 for the renovation of the whole ground floor to make the best use of the facility for the benefit of the work of God in Thailand Adventist Mission.

**THAILAND MISSION COORDINATES FLOOD RESPONSE**

Thailand is currently facing its worst flooding in 50 years. Severe flooding occurred during the 2011 monsoon season in Thailand, most significantly in the Chao Phraya but also in the Mekong River basin. Beginning in late July and continuing for over two months there have been 270 reported deaths, over two million people affected, and damages estimated to be fifty billion baht (1.6 billion USD) as of 11 October. Source: Wikipedia

Flood waters have swamped more than two-thirds of the country, submerging rice fields and shutting down hundreds of factories while over 900,000 families and businesses have been impacted and hundreds of lives have been tragically lost. National relief efforts are now focused on providing essential food, clean water and shelter to displaced people and restoring damaged infrastructure to the Kingdom of Smiles.
This is the biggest loss of Thailand since the tsunami hit Phuket in the year 2004. This time there are more casualties not in the lives of people but in damage to the rice fields, farms, and factories, in more than 26 provinces especially in the Central part of the country.

The initial response of Thailand Adventist Mission was on October 8 – with the combined efforts of Ekamai International School, Ramkhamhaeng Advent International School, Thailand Adventist Mission, ADRA Thailand, Bangkok Adventist Hospital, Trinity International School and Trinity SDA Church.

The second response from ADRA Thailand and Thailand Adventist Mission was from October 15 to 18, a 4-day response to continue giving Care and Love Packages including bottled water to the flood victims in Nakhon Luang district, Ayutthaya Province. Two thousand, two hundred and fifty life packages have been distributed to some of the affected people. Also distributed were 3,500 packages each containing three litres of fresh water.

We would like to thank the team of Pastor Scott Griswold, students from Asia Pacific International University, and nursing students from Bangkok Adventist Hospital who came to help the members of the Ekamai Thai Church, Bangkok International Church and the Trinity Church to put together the care packages. Some of this group also went to the area to help the ADRA Thailand team with distribution. Thank you to everyone involved.

The villagers in the area were very thankful and said they appreciated the good quality of the packages especially the water, medicines, and other foodstuff. We were able to serve 2,250 families in this response.

We also would like to thank parents and students from EIS who donated items such as rice, medicine, milk, pampers (diapers) and clothing. Our thanks go also to Trinity International School and Church for their donations of cash and items for the victims.

Pathumthani Province was also assisted with approximately 200 life packages brought to the area by the Mobile Clinic of the Bangkok Adventist Hospital with the assistance of ADRA Thailand and Thailand Adventist Mission.

While we are writing this report Thailand Mission and ADRA Thailand are planning a third response to these areas where we hope to reach at least 1,000 families.

We saw the real suffering of the people. Industrial areas are flooded including chemical and recycling plants and the flood waters in the villages have caused a bad smell and pollution which has added to the suffering that already exists. In days ahead people will suffer from skin diseases and other sicknesses.

This is the time that we can show the love, care and concern that we have for the Thai people. In the packages we include the booklet “Great Hope” and other leaflets. This will let them know about God and last day events. Hopefully they will contemplate the message from the book, it will remain in their minds and hopefully someday they will find God and accept Him as their personal Savior.
One witness said that when water came in their village, it was so fast that they didn’t have time to put anything up and so they lost everything.

The Thailand Mission Outreach Centers in Angthong and Supanburi were also flooded and the water almost reached the second floor which is a height of about two meters. It is good that the items in the center were saved.

One of the pastors who is working with the Buddhist Ministry Center, Pastor Prakasit Lekasuwan and family, lost everything in the flood, except for his pick up truck. He did put his belongings high up in his house, but the entire house was submerged to the rooftop.

So we ask you to pray for the work, particularly that of the Buddhist Study Center. Now the people in Ayutthaya have had their eyes opened and they can see what the Adventist Church is doing in their area. This is an opportunity to share God’s love to the people in Ayutthaya and the neighboring places.

**Personal Account of the Flood**

**Jubilant Arora, Secretary**

**Ministry Among Buddhists, Ayutthaya**

“Auntie, there is one foot water in front of the Center (The House of Peace - Baan Haeng Santisook) don’t go anywhere now – stay home”; Khun Meow told me when I called her on Friday morning, October 7.

My husband and I wanted to go to visit a family who had been coming to church. We had cooked some food for the man who has not been keeping well, as he seriously needed to stop smoking. After talking to K. Meow, we turned around and went home to pray for those who were already suffering from the flood waters.

The river behind the Center and facing our house has been overflowing for the past few hours and now the walkway (footpath) by the river look like a children’s swimming pool.

We spent the day preparing for the flood – raising the level of our goods on the ground floor store room to at least two feet high and sealing the door.

“That is high enough – the water won’t be higher than knee deep”, said our neighbors. We believed them. Or did we? Most people had mixed feelings – worry, fear of the unknown, etc. Friday evening, the water crossed even the temporary barriers built around the river, flooding the roads and the water canals.

Before we went to bed on Friday night, our eldest son who is Indonesian called us and told us that he heard the announcement on TV that people in Ayutthaya should evacuate within three hours. He ordered us to ‘Go’ but we didn’t. We went to bed not knowing what tomorrow had in store.

I woke up Sabbath morning and as I looked down at the entrance to our compound, I said to myself quietly ‘good, no water yet’, but my happiness was short-lived. As I turned to the back of the house, I saw the flood water crawling like a snake and soon the ground was bubbling and the water began to fill the unseen holes. I asked my husband that if you want to walk on dry ground, this is the very moment to escape or else five minutes later will be too late. As it was Sabbath, he did not want to leave and also desert our neighbors in the time of crisis. Within an hour the water level rose to one foot and kept increasing steadily up to two meters!

I called K. Meow and Pastor Prakasit and asked them what the situation was like at their house – they said “oh, we have knee deep water in our living room and the kitchen”. Whatever they could not move up was now under water. Pastor Prakasit was attending AIIAS classes in Bangkok, therefore K. Meow did what she could to prepare at their home in Ayutthaya.

Each church member spent the Sabbath (October 8) watching the flood waters rise, worshipping and praying in their own homes, as the Center where we met for worship, were flooded.

On Saturday night, neighbors helped Pastor Prakasit’s family move by boat from their home to the third floor of the Center.

None of us wanted to leave – we wanted to stay and support our neighbors and friends. However, Sunday afternoon, an announcement was made through radio and television, “more water is coming, evacuate within half an hour”.

Everyone was encouraged to leave and the army would take care of our houses and homes.

My husband and I were privileged to have our Vietnamese son (neighbor) bring a small plastic boat right to our second floor stairway – we got in with our two small bags containing just two sets of clothes each and left.

K. Meow too escaped in a small plastic boat with her children and another church member with his expectant wife who live close to the House of Peace (Baan Haeng Santisook). Pastor Prakasit could not go to get his family as he was working with ADRA coordinating the distribution of food and water to the flood victims.

We are now staying with friends, hoping and praying the water will go down soon so we would return. K. Meow has gone home to her parents with her children, while Pastor Prakasit has been asked to forego his AIAS classes in order to help the flood victims.
Adventist Health Expo 
October 7 to 9, 2011
MBK Center

Description:
“Health Expo is an event which aims to make the public aware of the advantages of a healthy lifestyle. This event aims to be a family friendly event with health screening, health exhibits, health demonstrations and lectures. This will be conducted in a public area over a period of three consecutive days, where anyone can walk in and check their health and express their interest in other health ministry. Every day the program will culminate in health evangelism.”

The above reasons are transformed into our goal in reaching out to people through the cooperation of Adventist institutions and churches. The project has successfully accomplished its objectives. Therefore, we would like to express our gratitude to the organizations that supported our project.

From October 7 to 9, 2011 the Adventist Church in Thailand held its second health expo at MBK shopping mall, one of the largest and most popular malls in Bangkok. Mrs. Pawinee Amatatasana, the Patumwan District Director was the guest of honor. The program during the three days was mainly to give basic physical checkups, relaxation massage, health age appraisal, and counseling from doctors and nutritionists and other health professionals.

The heart of the program is the NEWSTART exhibition where all participants received knowledge on how to take care of their bodies. At the end of each consultation each person received an introductory “Treasure to Health” Voice of Prophecy lesson. Throughout the days there were musical presentations by students from our church schools, university and layman schools. Aerobic exercise and vegetarian cooking demonstration were also a feature.

Hope for Bangkok personnel, under the leadership of Pastor Doug Venn, Director, were the core group of this event but between 150 to 200 church members, students and volunteers also assisted. During the four days there were approximately 2,000 people who came for this event and about ten percent filled out a request for spiritual development. Our next task is to follow up these souls for Christ.

We thank the different private companies for their support: Bangkok Transit System for half price tickets during the four days for our staff. Yamaha Piano Company for the use of a musical instrument and the Far East Broadcasting Company for free radio advertisements.

We thank God for the abundant blessings throughout the program.

Surachet Insom, Health Ministries Head Department report