

Cornerstone - Global Ministries

One Nation at a Time – THAILAND


The Country

A unified Thai kingdom was established in the mid-14th century. Known as Siam until 1939, Thailand is the only Southeast Asian country never to have been taken over by a European power. A bloodless revolution in 1932 led to a constitutional monarchy. In alliance with Japan during World War II, Thailand became a US treaty ally following the conflict. A military coup in September 2006 ousted then Prime Minister THAKSIN Chinnawat. The interim government held elections in December 2007 that saw the former pro-THAKSIN People's Power Party (PPP) emerge at the head of a coalition government. The anti-THAKSIN People's Alliance for Democracy (PAD) in May 2008 began street demonstrations against the new government, eventually occupying the prime minister's office in August. Clashes in October 2008 between PAD protesters blocking parliament and police resulted in the death of at least two people. The PAD occupied Bangkok's international airports briefly, ending their protests in early December 2008 following a court ruling that dissolved the ruling PPP and two other coalition parties for election violations. The Democrat Party then formed a new coalition government with the support of some of THAKSIN's former political allies, and ABHISIT Wetchachiwa became prime minister. Since January 2004, thousands have been killed as separatists in Thailand's southern ethnic Malay-Muslim provinces increased the violence associated with their cause.*

Facts and Figures

Capital City: Bangkok

Population: 65,905,410

Religion: Buddhist 94.6%, Muslim 4.6%, Christian 0.7%, other 0.1% (2000 census)

Language: Thai, English (secondary language of the elite), ethnic and regional dialects

The Church

Pray for the small, but growing Church body in Thailand. There has been growth over the past two decades, but a lack of strong leadership has hindered further growth and vision. Pray also that the church would be given new vision for discipleship and outreach.

Our Prayer

- Pray for the spiritual breakthrough in Thailand. Although it is named "Land of the Free", this country is in bondage to a complex web of culture, spirit appeasement, occult practices and Buddhism.
- Pray that those who are hungry might have the courage to step out and find real freedom in the Lord Jesus Christ. Praise God that there is a harvest to be reaped in this nation.
- Thailand can only be changed and cleansed by a major turning to God. Corruption has protected the large sex trade, drug industry, and crime syndicates. Pray that honest, just leaders might be raised up to limit corruption. Pray also that those involved in the degradation of Thailand would be transformed by the Spirit of God.

Our Partnerships

- Please pray for **Life Impact International**. Their focus is two-fold...one being LOVE (as demonstrated through humanitarian relief and development efforts), and the other being the POWER of Jesus Christ (as demonstrated through evangelism and discipleship efforts).
- Over the years Life Impact has seen countless numbers of orphans, rebel soldiers, refugees, displaced peoples and children alike receive His love and hope into their hearts through:
 - Evangelistic Outreaches & Crusades
 - Leadership Training Seminars
 - Underground Bible Camps
 - Short Term Missions Trips
 - Bible School Training



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*Some statistics and information were gathered from the Operation World Prayer Calendar and CIA World Factbook.