

Thai Tidbits

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Beginning of New Era



After 58 years since the missionaries came to Thailand, we have the first English Bible school for the churches of Christ in Thailand—the Khon Kaen International Bible Institute (KKIBI).

The concept of mission work is changing. English is a must for the globalization of education. Bible studies also need to adapt to such a trend since most information today is in English. Bible knowledge and Biblical information also are in English, not as much in the Thai language. Seeing the need, I decided that we must have English Bible school.

August 1, the KKIBI began with five students, four men and one woman. These students are a different caliber than those of past years. Most had a fourth grade education, and were farmers from the village with no knowledge of information technology that can help them in self-study. The new student body today has one student with a master degree, one has two BS degrees, the rest have college and vocational education. In six months they will be prepared in English and ready to study Bible in English beginning February 2018.

Phuket Island Seminar

September 5-8, I held a seminar for men in southern Thailand on the topic of counseling. Actually, both men and women can study this subject because all Christians can counsel informally rather than formally.

Twenty-seven leaders from the seven churches down south came for this session. This meeting is my third year in the south. I always look forward to fellowshiping the brethren down there. Wichai and Sunun, two Christian men from the northeast went with me. They too like to go to study and have fellowship with the southern brethren.

Combine Camps

For the last twenty years we have had two camps each year in April and October. Beginning this year we will combine the October northeast camp with the central camp sponsored by the Watcharapol Church in Bangkok. They asked us to cancel ours so we can join our camp with theirs. We agreed. So from now on we will have only one camp in April unless situation changes.

Two baptisms



The last two newborn sisters in Christ are Bai Tong, on the left, who is 40 years old and married. Bou Lai, on the right, is 45 years old, married with two sons.

Bai Tong came from Ratchaburi in central Thailand after her intestinal cancer operation last March. Doctors say she might have two years to live. Please pray for her that she will live longer than the predicted two years.

Boulai lives in the village eighteen kilometers from the church. Since she became Christian the villagers made fun of her, and her Buddhist mother got so upset about her being a Christian that she kicked her out of the family. Boulai stayed faithful to the Lord. Her relationship with her mother now is getting better, thank God. She will be a strong agent for the Lord in her village.