

Message from The Gilberts – Missionaries to Thailand – February 23, 2010

Sawatdii (hello) from Don & Sandra Gilbert!! This is our twenty-first newsletter to update you on our missionary journey to Chiang Mai, Thailand. We appreciate your prayers and support!

Last summer we were privileged to be a part of an English Camp at a school in Mae Sariang, Thailand, about three hours away. This is a rice-farming area where Karen people live, who got displaced to Thailand from Burma years ago. We went back to see the same kids we worked with before, and this time 20 kids stayed afterward to talk more about Jesus! We gave out Bibles and encouraged them to attend a local church. Please pray especially for the three girls who followed Jesus last Summer: Kanjana, Be-iyada, and Supalok, and a new girl, Kanyarot, who is now attending the church and learning to play piano. Pray for the school principal who attends the church, Kruu Jiew. And pray for the church too, because a new building expansion project is stalled for lack of funds. God is at work there!



Supalok, Be-iyada, and Kanyarot get Bibles



Pray for May, the oldest orphan

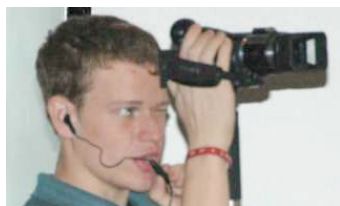
Sandra took her puppet group to the “Connie’s Home” orphanage, and after a great puppet show for the orphans, her team raked the yard and did other chores for the home. They invited them back again!



Sandra and Don ministered to over 1000 people in the neighborhood “Christmas in the Park” celebration sponsored by our school. Don was on the team that planned the event, and played his “electronic clarinet” as the group sang Christmas Carols in English and Thai. Pray for our continued witness.



Kee, Gale, and Sandra



Michael, one of the student videographers

We got a used video mixer from a church in Colorado and Don helped start a “Video Production Team” at Grace International School, using six students. They document events at Grace and produce DVD’s. It has been a wonderful ministry for sharing what we do, and the students are learning so much! Check out two of our students jamming at the “Music Mania” event <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wJFseGwkJGg>

Our school is still embroiled in a lawsuit which threatens to take away our property and buildings. We have started a new project called “Saving Grace” to raise money for new land, and to be prepared for a quick move into temporary quarters. Please become a fan of the Saving Grace project in Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Saving-Grace-Project-Grace-International-School-Thailand/261853483116?v=info> and also tell friends to look at our web site, <http://gracefndn.org/savinggrace/?p=88>. We need lots and lots of people praying for this situation!

Finally, check out this video of a marriage proposal done at the airport in Chiang Mai. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ONAllyWPEyE> Daniel is a teacher at Grace, and wanted to do something really special, so Don played “Love Me Tender” by Elvis, on his clarinet as Daniel dropped to his knees to pop the question. Who should show up but an Elvis impersonator from Bangkok, who was on the same plane, so he came over and joined in singing too! God chose the song, knowing the circumstances... we need to trust God more for decisions in our lives – He knows best!

We appreciate all our prayer supporters!!! Pray for us and God’s direction every day!!

In Christ,
Don & Sandra

