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It seems impossible to believe that in February we will have been in Thailand for six months and that only one year ago we were on deputation visiting with all of you back in the States! The Lord has truly blessed our time here thus far and we are very pleased with how far along He has brought us regarding our language study! As much as we would love to study the language in person for another year (or two) there is SO much work to be done and we are all very eager to get busy about the Lord's work. Once we move to MaeAi we will continue language study via Skype with the tutors we are currently working with in Chiang Mai. Please pray for us as we continue to study this difficult language!

Preacher's Training

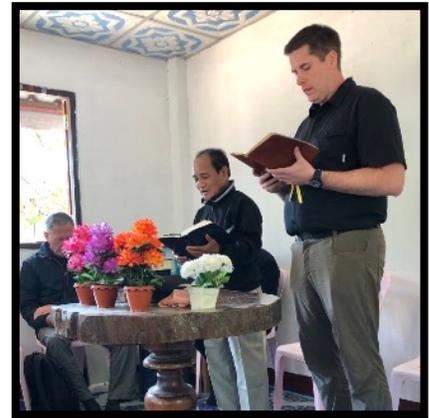
Preacher's training has begun for the new year. There were over forty men this month, with new faces from both the Lisu and the Burmese Lahu. In addition to the monthly preacher's training we do in MaeAi, the Burmese preachers have asked us to travel to Myanmar so that we can hold a week long preacher's training there as well. These men expressed that many more preachers will be able to attend if we are able to come to them as it is currently easier for us to travel across the border than it is for so many of them. Additionally, the Lisu preachers in Chiang Mai would like for us to have another week of training, taught in Thai rather than Lahu. This would equate to three weeks of preacher's training per month! Pray for Bro. Paul Brown as he will be very busy the next several weeks tending to these many opportunities. He will be traveling to Myanmar for the first preachers training next week. Due to the rigors of language school I am not able to help him with preacher's training until this summer when we move to MaeAi. Meanwhile, I am eagerly anticipating the many opportunities for preacher's training and open doors into unreached villages. Pray that the Lord will provide me with patience and endurance to finish strong with my language studies here in Chiang Mai.

Interpreter's Training

In January I was able to begin interpreter's training here in Chiang Mai. There are currently about nine in attendance, including two traveling Lahu preachers, Ja Kha and Paul (we call him "Lahu Paul"). The design of the class is to help the interested interpreters to practice with theological terms and ideas, but it is also a bible study. The two Lahu preachers that come are not able to attend preacher's training any longer because of their jobs so I am hopeful that the class will be an encouragement to them. During the class the men are also hearing properly translated biblical terminology which will help them as they preach in the villages they travel to. We have been able to discuss a variety of doctrine this month ranging from the person and work of Christ, the Trinity (which we are still on), predestination, election, the eternal plan of redemption, and cessationism. It is a good time for instruction but also for questions they have and or that might have come up in the villages they preach at.

Month of Traveling

We have traveled every weekend this month. We have either been preaching in villages or making trips to MaeAi to visit with the Brown's or help with decisions regarding the ministry building that is being constructed. Bro. Paul and I had the opportunity to visit the most remote village we have been to so far, Huay Dua. Due to its remoteness, they have been without a pastor for several years. But, while we were there, we heard that Ja Kha (the traveling preacher mentioned above) will be moving there in a few months Lord willing. Please pray for Ja Kha and this church. May the Lord direct them both regarding a pastor for this faithful church. We also had the opportunity to go back to Huay Mafeung. This is the second time we have visited this particular village in the last couple of months but this time we were able to help them with a special request...a communion tray and cups, which will allow them to observe the Lord's table more frequently. I had planned on preaching on the Lord's Supper, but as services were starting our interpreter, Bro Ai Donkham said that the pastor had just told him that there were several animists from the adjacent village in attendance that had no gospel witness. At the last minute, I knew I needed to switch sermons and simply preach the gospel! Please pray that the Lord would be pleased to bring the increase with the seed that was planted!



For HIS Glory,

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