

The Villandry Family

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The Villandry family, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus, grace be unto you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to begin by thanking everyone for their prayers for Brittany's recovery from her concussion and skull fracture. She is doing much better now and is only dealing with a small amount of dizziness off and on. However, her headaches are completely gone and we are so thankful for the Lord's mercy in allowing her to heal so quickly. I am also extremely grateful for the prayers regarding language school. I was able to complete level 1 earlier this month and am on track to complete level 2 by the end of December. Seeing how language is not my strong suit, it has been such a blessing to see the Lord take hold of the process and continue to see me through it. Brittany and the children will also be moving on to level 2 at the beginning of January. Please pray for all of us as we study earnestly! The ability to communicate with people about the Lord in their native language is what keeps us all going. We have a long way to go but we are so very thankful for the opportunity to be learning with some of the best teachers in Chiang Mai.

The month of November is thanksgiving season for many of the hill tribe villages. This is a time when the local churches give special thanks to God for His mercy regarding the harvest. What a blessing it has been to spend this time of Thanksgiving with these precious people! As we were visiting churches this month it occurred to me that many of you may not be familiar with the very pastors and churches we have been asking you to prayer for. Below, I will give a small update on some of the churches we were able to visit with this month. Please pray with me for these dear brethren!

CANAAN is in the Chiang Rai province and is more remote than most of the villages we visit. The road to Canaan is a long winding stretch of steep inclines and declines with ruts that one would not want to fall into. So far, I have never felt more nervous driving than I did driving to this village. The church here has a building they meet in. They are slowly updating it on their own as the Lord provides. Since our last visit, they added the upper portion of the walls and had some flooring laid. This church had been without a pastor for several years. About three years ago, the Lord saved the village leader, she was baptized and added to the church. Months later her husband, Jacob, was saved as well. He has been coming to preachers training for over a year now. The Church called Brother Jacob earlier this year to be their pastor. We are so thankful that the Lord has answered our prayers and provided. Please continue to pray for this church and her pastor to both grow in the grace and knowledge of God.





PASAK ONE (there are 2), has a lot of history. This is the first village that Bro. Lee and several other pastors visited over 20 years ago. During that first visit, they told Bro Lee of other villages that wanted them to come and tell them about this Jesus they speak of. Pasak One has many faithful members who have been with them from the beginning. They have also had many trials. At one time they had a building to worship in, but a very evil man (who some know about already) stirred up many in the village to turn against the church and forbid them to meet in their building. This, however, did stop Christ's church in Pasak One from meeting. They don't need a building to be one of the Lord's churches. They have been meeting at the pastor's house. I am so thankful to have gotten to know their pastor Jacob, also known as Ya-Ko. He has been a faithful pastor. He is also a great musician and a gifted singer. In the pictures you can see the deacon's that serve this church as well. Please pray for this church. We ask that the Lord would continue to strengthen them and deliver them from this wicked oppressor.







HUAY PIANG is one of the closest villages to Chiang Mai. We have been to this village three times now, and many faces are becoming familiar. Like Canaan, they have a building that they have built themselves in stages. Their greatest need is a pastor. Bro. Hku Sa (pronounced Koo' Saw) is a deacon in the church and has been filling the pulpit. In the first picture you can see another deacon hanging the new church sign. Please pray for Bro Hku Sa as he takes on this responsibility to feed the Lord's sheep. Also, pray with us for the Lord to call Huay Piang a pastor.







In closing, I would like to share a quick photo of the ministry building that is being constructed in Mae Ai. The construction process seems to be going well and we are all excited for both the preacher's training center and learning center to be in one central location. We thank each and every one of you for your sacrificial giving towards this project. We trust the Lord will use it to His glory and we look forward to getting moved to Mae Ai when the building is complete!



Also, please continue to pray with us concerning the following:

- Bro Ai Donkham (our main translator) will be having a major heart surgery in December
- The possibility of starting a class that would allow us to train future translators
- Paul & Susan Brown
- Our family back in the states
- Language school
- Unreached villages

For HIS Glory,

Matthew Villandry

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