

CHOPSTICK CHATTER

MOBILISING FOR MISSION: LINDA MCKERRELL

Dear Friends,

While serving in Taiwan, I felt more free to share specific stories with you because the likely-hood of you meeting was pretty minimal. In Australia, so many Christians know each other - I'd hate for anyone to feel like I was sharing their story without their permission. But I can share my own reflections. I've been reflecting on the theme at the recent conference *Mission Matters* 'What will it take?'

What will it take to see the vision of Revelation 7 fulfilled - for a 'vast multitude from every nation, tribe, people, and language' to worship God together eternally? It will take God. It will take a people overwhelmed by the glory God's grace. It will take the whole church. It will take people committed to making disciples. And it will take sacrifice. Do you find it easy to 'forget' why we're doing what we're doing? **Please pray with me - 'Heavenly Father**, please remind us of the glory of the Gospel. Push us. Overwhelm us with your grace that we can't help but proclaim the good news of Jesus. Please give us opportunities this week to point people to Jesus. Remind us to pray for missionaries AND for the world wide church that we would work together. Help us to count the cost in joyful obedience. Please keep raising up workers to go to places where your Gospel is not yet known. We pray in Jesus' name, **Amen.**'

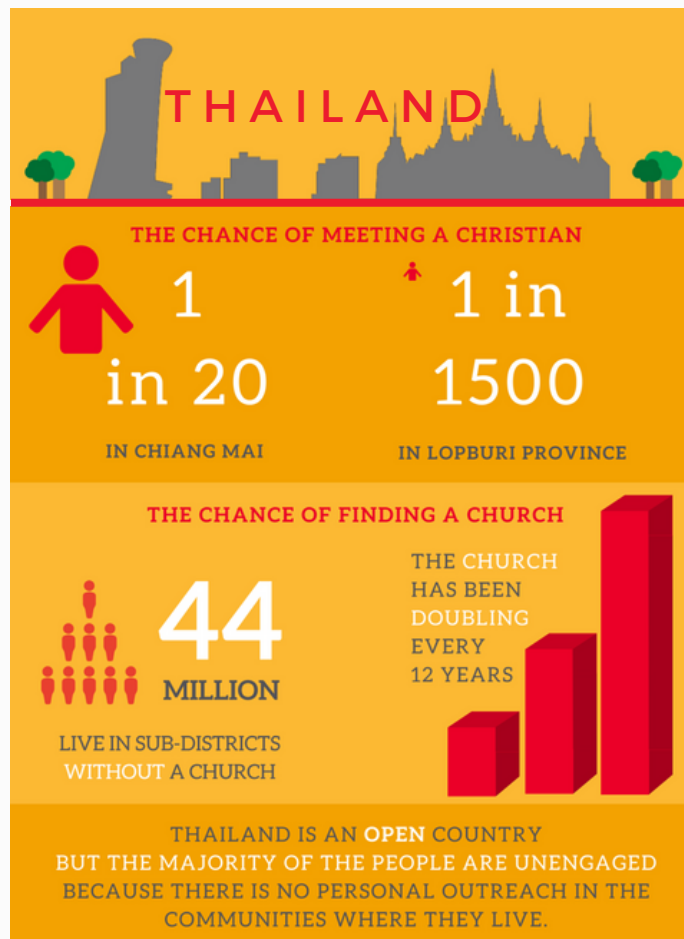


Dec 3rd - 7th - OMF (and lots of other mission agencies) will join AFES National Training Event - Over 2000 uni students in Canberra for a week of intensive Bible teaching and 'mission challenge'. **Please pray** God would equip his people to lovingly proclaim Jesus all around the world and to be willing to go to 'hard places'. I have two main jobs: Help look after the OMF table in the Missions Expo area and talk to people over meals. For an introvert... haha. Thanks for praying.

SHORT TRIP TO THAILAND JAN 31ST - 20TH FEB

To help prospective missionaries better understand various places that need more Gospel Workers, I'm going on a short trip to Thailand. I'll join OMF Mobilisers from around

the world and spend time visiting missionaries and seeing their ministries. More info to come.



HOLIDAY READING RECOMMENDATION: "HELP MY HALO'S SLIPPING" BY LARRY DINKINS

If you're looking for a biography full of glamour and adventure, depicting haloed saints sacrificing life and limb on some far-off heathen shore, look elsewhere. But if you want to know what it's really like to become a missionary, read on. Set in Thailand, this book was super helpful to me as a young adult. **Available on Kindle & on 'mission minded friend's bookshelves':)**