

# CH PSTICK CHATTER

MOBILISING FOR MISSION: PARTNERING WITH LINDA MCKERRELL

## Is Short Term Mission for me?

Dear Friends,

A significant step in exploring my role in Global missions was going on a 'Short term mission'. I'd been challenged by missions biographies.

So I spent 1 month with an OMF Short term team in Indonesia (late High school) and 5 weeks with some missionary 'friends of friends' in the Phillipines (end of 3rd year uni). MY primary goal in going was for God to answer MY prayer - 'God do you want ME to be a missionary?'

God did not give me a clear 'yes' or 'no' to this prayer. I came home disappointed and ... a bit disillusioned?? How does God answer such prayers? Would the Lord 'give me a verse'? Would I suddenly have an undying love for the people of....? God had a much bigger....longer plan that I could not see and....I wasn't ready for. Our loving Heavenly Father doesn't always answer our prayers in ways that we would like.

Lately I've been having some good chats with people about Short Term Mission trip possibilities, known in OMF as 'Serve Asia'. Going on a Serve Asia trip might be about working out if this is something you might do in the future long term. It might be about serving God at a specific time and way - eg Helping run a 1 month kids program at the OMF Orientation Program for new missionaries in Singapore (we are always looking for people to help with this. Talk to me!!). You might come with an official Serve Asia team sent from your church or uni Christian group or you might come by yourself and just live with a missionary family and do what they do every day for a few weeks. You might be 18...you might be 55...

To help equip me better in having these chat's with prospective Serve Asia workers and others, I'm going to Thailand for 3 weeks (Jan 31st-Feb 20th). OMF is hosting a short term mission trip especially for Mobilisers (like myself) and Serve Asia Co-ordinators. We will visit various ministries, spend time chatting and praying with missionaries. It will be pretty intense and so I have some things **I'd really value your prayers** for:

- **Energy** - as you know I struggle with energy. Please pray God will give me 'extra unusual' energy for this trip - to engage with people, to pray with people, to walk alongside people AND everything else.
- **Opportunities** - to encourage people to look to Jesus - Local Christians , not yet Believers and Missionaries (who often need encouragement).
- **Insight and understanding** - into the needs and opportunities in Thailand, good networking with Mobilisers and Serve Asia Coordinators from around the world.



### 2022 NTE UPDATE

Thanks for praying for the AFES National Training Event . So many Aussie missionaries trace the beginning of their 'Missions Journey' to NTE. **Keep praying** God would raise up workers for East Asia's Harvest.

### FINANCIAL UPDATE

Give thank for the way God has provided 85% of my financial support in 2022. I have never 'gone without' but please do **pray** that the Lord would provide the rest. If you would like to Partner with me financially please see [www.omf.org](http://www.omf.org) (Giving Tab).



**TECTONIC FB GROUP UNDER CONSTRUCTION**  
4th Thursday of month - 7-9pm @ OMF Office - 34 Trafalgar St, Woolloongabba (ZOOM option for Out-of-Towners). **Starting Feb 23rd.**

**Be inspired** - by workers fresh from the mission field in East Asia. **Discuss contemporary mission topics.** **Share your Journey** - and sharpen each other.

Whether you know a little or a lot about missions, not ready to 'sign up' or have already got your plane ticket - T is a place to learn about 'all things mission' - all welcome - Invite your friends.

**Message me for more info.**