

CH PSTICK CHATTER

MOBILISING FOR MISSION: PARTNERING WITH LINDA MCKERRELL

Dear Friends,

Not what I was expecting

In a Bangkok slum I sat on a shiny concrete floor with a Thai missionary co-worker (photo) and two wrinkly old ladies. One of the old ladies had recently become a Christian. Looking around the room there were piles of...'junk', but somehow it was clean. Their job - to sort thru bags of rubbish looking for things to recycle. I could see sores on their skinny legs. Scabies? Rung asked 'What can we pray for you?' They said 'Please pray for our Bible study group on Saturday'. Not what I was expecting.



In northern Thailand, our team entered a newly renovated building that held meeting rooms, an industrial bakery (photo), a photography studio, a gift shop, graphic design space and more. To engage with the local community, the missionaries are partnering with a local Church plant focusing on reaching young professionals AND mentoring young entrepreneurs to help start small businesses. They meet in the evenings, share meals and study God's word in a less formal setting. Their prayer - 'Lord we need a barista and a graphic designer who are happy to work under a Thai team'. Not what I was expecting.



Back in Feb I asked you to pray for 'unusual energy level's' while I was in Thailand AND God answered your prayers. Thank you so much. It was a whirlwind of missionary stories, traffic, local partnerships, slums, intercultural teams - a glimpse of every nation, tribe, people and language - colleagues from Thailand, Brazil, Indonesia, Netherlands, Taiwan, Singapore - Gospel discussions, thoughts on mentoring, orientating/debriefing short-term-ers - reaching out to Thai, Burmese, Tai Yuan, Shan people and more. Since returning, I've had opportunities to share of these things with uni and Bible Collage students.



Personally - it was good to be back in Asia. I was worried this trip might unsettle me - that it would make me miss Taiwan more or I'd be so inspired by the needs in Thailand that I'd want to move there! But actually it was a bit healing. It made me realise my ministry is in Australia - helping Aussie Christians and Churches better understand Gospel needs in East Asia and to journey with people as they consider their role in Global Missions. **Thank you so much for your Partnership in the Gospel.**



PRAY WITH ME: 'Oh Lord, please give us perseverance to keep praying - for those around us to come to faith in the Lord Jesus - to remember those around the world who live in places with no access to the Gospel - 667 million people in East Asia alone - AND that YOU would keep raising up workers for the harvest. AMEN.

4th Thursday of month - 7-9pm @ OMF Office - 34 Trafalgar St, Woolloongabba (ZOOM option for Out-of-Towners).