

The Lange's Prayer & Newsletter

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Dear Praying Friends,

We would like to extend our greetings to everyone from the Land of Smiles. The last two months have been a blur of activity for us. We are anxiously awaiting the birth of our third child. Theresa is due on August 31st. Our first two came early and so by the time you read this, we may already have the third. However, if that is not the case this time, please pray for Theresa and the birth. We have ceased all out-of-town travel since Theresa's due date is nearing.

Nam Khao Baptist Church

Officially, the Thai soldiers are still telling us the Hmong camp will close at the end of September, but quietly they are telling us it will close by the end of the year. No one knows for certain what will happen. We could still be talking about a possible closure 2 years from now. What is also still uncertain is if we'll be able to continue our bi-monthly trips to the camp beyond the end of September or if the school and church house need to be shut down permanently with no more access to the refugees. There are enough funds to keep the school going for a few more months. The church members that stayed behind are increasingly getting concerned about the situation. Please be in prayer for them. The end of September will mark the 4th Anniversary of Nam Khao Baptist Church.

Nepalese Ministry

David has completed nearly 4 months of Bible training so far. He is a great student and able to absorb a lot of information. We study Monday-Friday, about 4-5 hours per day, however, due to our schedules we have been hit and miss lately and hope to get back on schedule next week. David asks everyone to pray for his health and eyes. He is also looking for a small part-time job to help finance his evangelistic and discipleship trips into Bangkok from our house (a 30-mile trip one-way) on public transportation. There are over 300,000 Nepalese in Thailand. His cousin, Joseph, is a leader of a local Nepalese Baptist fellowship. It is a place where Nepalese Christians come to sing, worship and learn the Bible, but it is not a church. Joseph believes God wants him to be a pastor and now wants to get Bible training. We just started working with him. For the most part, David will teach Joseph the things he learns from me. I'll have an opportunity to follow-up with him and make sure David is getting it correct from me. Joseph helped start the first Nepalese Baptist Church in Myanmar 20 years ago. Now, Joseph and his brother, Peter, want to team with David to start the first Nepalese Independent Baptist Church in Bangkok. Before even starting, they have 40 adults

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willing to work together to prayerfully and financially support the church. We are currently searching out a suitable location. We hope to start the church sometime in September. This small group already has plans to train some members so a Nepalese Baptist church can be started in Pattaya, Samui and possibly in 2-3 places in Phuket.

Phuket

Weekly Bible Studies are continuing in Phuket mostly with Burmese migrant workers, however, we have not been able to attend for over a month. We are thinking about turning the work over to someone else who can put more time into it. It is a strain on our finances to travel down there twice a month. Plus opening a new work in Bangkok and possible on-going ministry with the Hmong make it difficult to oversee the work in Phuket. We are not sure what is being taught or promoted without being there ourselves. If we cannot find someone to take it over, we may just make a trip down there every 2 or 3 months to keep it on "life-support" hoping that in time someone from the church in Bangkok can take it over.

Thank you for your prayer and financial support. With A Vision for Thailand and S.E. Asia, The Langes