

The Sullivants in Thailand

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December 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What a Year this has been! I am sure that everyone would agree that what we are seeing happen throughout the world in these final days of 2020 are not what we had anticipated in January of 2020! We are grateful that the Lord God Almighty knew these events were going to occur and was/is not unprepared for them. I am also thankful for the foundation of our faith which is the Word of God. What peace it gives us as we study the Bible in these times that seem to be driving the world crazy! As I was preaching this past Sunday, we receive "grace for grace" that is sufficient for that day.

Ministry: In areas of ministry, we have had the blessing of seeing an older lady begin attending since just before our Covid19 lockdown in the spring. In November, she brought a neighbor lady to church on a couple of occasions and the neighbor made a profession of faith. Unfortunately, it appears that another charismatic neighbor has drawn this new convert away to a more "prosperous" teaching. We trust that she truly trusted the Lord as Saviour. Since she cannot read or write, I had given her a small speaker (about the size of a can of Coke) with a memory card of the audio of the New Testament for her to listen to. We pray that she will listen and heed the Word.

At the beginning of December, I finished teaching New Testament Survey for an online Bible Institute here in Thailand. In January, I will be teaching a class on Biblical Hermeneutics (Bible study and interpretation). Please be in prayer for this class to be fruitful in the lives of the students and that I would have wisdom in teaching it.

We have seen an increase in the desire for discipleship groups among some of the members and we look forward to seeing the Lord work in their lives as we move into 2021. We simply meet on a weekly basis to recite Scripture, pray, review our devotional journals and discuss the needs of those in the group. This has been a great blessing in helping those involved to develop the disciplines of the Christian life.

Maureen has been collaborating with the wife of another missionary to produce some Bible curriculum for children. The other lady is Thai and has done the translation work on the material, and Maureen is adding corresponding graphics and organizing the materials for printing. We were able to print the book that explains the advent of Jesus Christ. We sent copies to the other Independent Baptist ministries in Thailand as a Christmas gift.

Please continue to pray for the salvation of a lady who attends with her young daughter. She attends very faithfully, and has recently started staying to fellowship after the service which gives greater opportunity to answer questions she has about the Gospel message.

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Covid19 Situation: While New Years is often a busy time of travel for Thai people, this year, the celebrations look to be somewhat dampened by the "second wave" of Covid. Very little testing has taken place on the local domestic population in the last few months, which has led to far fewer restrictions being in place compared to other areas around the world. This has led to fewer reported cases domestically, but a recent outbreak amongst Burmese migrant workers southwest of Bangkok has led to a renewed fear of the virus.

The current restrictions have been very disruptive for many missionaries who were outside of Thailand prior to March 2020, or for those who left the country and thought they would be allowed to return. Thailand is not allowing those with missionary or NGO/non-profit visa types to re-enter the country once the leave. Please pray for these many families as they are in a difficult situation, and their ministries must do without them.

We realize that many of you are facing greater losses of liberty and freedom than we are at this time, and we pray that you will have wisdom and guidance in these days.

Family: As a family, we are doing well. Maureen's migraines are always much better during the dry season, which she is now enjoying.

The children are all busy with school and music lessons. They also have taken on greater responsibilities in the ministry in various ways.

Lord willing, Jessica (our eldest) will be re-entering her "passport" country in a few months' time. As is often the case in these circumstances, she seems more *ready* for this than we parents! Hahaha. For her, it is more the knowledge that returning is the next step for her and she would like to move forward with that step. Because of the Covid19 restrictions, if Maureen or I took her back to help her get settled in in Canada, we would be locked out of Thailand. This means she will have to return on her own.

As 2020 draws to a close, our family wishes to thank you for your faithful prayers and support throughout the year and especially the cards, gifts and special donations that you have sent for our birthdays, anniversary and at the Christmas season as well. Your special Christmas gifts will be going towards a new electric piano in the New Year.

Thank you again and may the Lord bless you with increased grace and knowledge of Him!

For His Glory,

Michael Sullivant Jr, & Family



Prayer Request Summary:

- Praise for the lady who made a profession of faith and for the testimony of the other lady
- Salvation of Miss New
- Bible Institute class January-April 2021
- Believers to become followers of Christ - Discipleship groups
- Distribution of Gospel literature and other materials
- Lifting of Covid19 restrictions so that fellow missionaries would be free to return and minister here in Thailand
- Wisdom, guidance and timing for Jessica's return to Canada