

The Christian Communications Institute (CCI) has begun **25 weeks of school evangelism** from May 28 – Nov 23. They began in Southern Thailand. They generally perform 5 days per school, 6 - 8 times per day for the different ages. The theme this year is **"Live a Smart Life"**. The word "smart" is popular among Thai youth. Each day has a sub-theme with original music, drama, testimony and a short message.



Day 1: "House of Turmoil and Confusion" is a modern drama depicting the strife over one family's debt to another. The son and daughter of each family are in love and the drama plays out. **Day 2:** In **"Teen Trouble,"** we see a modern drama of young people who disobey their parents and teachers and ultimately become addicted to drugs. During a fight over a girl, they are filmed, and the fight goes viral on social media. Through the care and perseverance of the Christian teacher, they find God and are reconciled.



Day 3: "Why did this happen?" is an Indian-style drama about a Christian woman whose house burned down. She is in despair and cries out to God, "Why is this happening to me". She finds God's blessing, even in the rubble of her home. God can bring good out of everything that happens to us (Romans 8:28). **Day 4: "Madame Constance"** is a historical drama about a Christian Siamese woman of mixed Japanese-Portuguese-Bengali ancestry who married the powerful Greek counselor to the Thai King in the 17th century. In spite of revolution, her husband's assassination, and her own condemnation to slavery, faith b ought her through. The new royal family freed her and honored her to become head of the royal kitchen. She is remembered to this day as the creator of a favorite Thai-French dessert. (If you want to know more about this story, search "Maria Guyomar de Pina")



Day 5: "U-turn", a modern adaptation of the bible story about the woman taken in adultery and forgiven by Jesus to begin a new life. CCI ends their week-long program with inviting the high school students to walk forward and make a decision to receive Christ as Lord and Savior. The school and local church follow up on these decisions. **Last year 3,400 students walked forward to receive Christ.** Please keep these young people in your prayers.

We would like to invite everyone to our Annual Thai Christian Foundation meeting at Central Christian Church Dallas, Saturday, October 6, from 9 am through lunch. More information will be in our August "Thai Lights".



Counseling pastors and meeting old friends in Nakon Pathom: In May, we went to Nakon Pathom where we lived eight years. We spent 8 days visiting and counseling 9 pastors, 3 school chaplains and their wives. We also preached in 3 different churches. It was also a joy to reconnect with many of our old students, now retired, and see them continue in their faith, blessing people and sharing God's love.



While there, we had the joy of dedicating a baby in the Plang church (left) and also visited Pastor Song (right). She resigned as Director of "Child Evangelism Foundation in Thailand" because she felt called to go back to her Lao Song home village in Kanchanaburi to begin a church. We have helped support her for 7 years.



Wa Evangelism: We are still reaching out to the Wa. Last week we met with the "Wa Christian Fellowship" (pic. 1) to plan follow up on the 76 new churches across the border in southern Wa State, Myanmar. We are still working on printing Wa New Testaments with hymns in the back.

50,000 New Testaments for the Thai Military: Two years ago, General Thirapat (pic. 2) requested that we make special efforts to reach the Thai Military. Mark Siebert arranged with the Bible League to print an illustrated New Testament with a camouflage cover (pic.3) in easy to understand Thai. Members of the "Military and Police Christian Fellowship of Thailand" are distributing them to military and police all over Thailand.



Baptisms: In May, we had 2 baptisms. While we were vacationing in Cha Am, Southern Thailand, one of our former students brought his wife for us to baptize in the sea. Two weeks ago, we had another baptism in our own "Jordan Pool' behind our house. A professor from a neighboring country received Christ in our church ten years ago when her government sent her for advanced study. Now she returned for more study and asked for baptism.

Our last **Thai Tour** was such a success that we are planning another! We have already heard from several that are interested in coming. It will be during the **fall of 2019** and will also include a celebration of our 60 years of marriage. The program will include performances by CCI and different ethnic groups during dinner. **If you are interested in joining the tour, please let us know so we can start planning.**

Thank you for your prayers and support.

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