

WYCLIFFE THAI FOUNDATION

SPRING 2021 UPDATE



STORIES OF IMPACT

God is blessing the work of the Wycliffe Thai Foundation

Over the past five years Wycliffe Thai Foundation has doubled in size. Because of support from people like you, God's Word is now available for more than 6 million people who did not have access to it just a few years ago!

New missionaries excelling

New Wycliffe Thai missionaries, Ingraw and Taew, are now serving at the Wycliffe Thai Centre on the border of a neighbouring restricted access country! Although unable to travel across the border at this time, they are busy engaging local Thai churches to become more involved in the Southeast Asia Bible translation movement.

Three other new Wycliffe Thai missionaries, Opel, Nat and Tik, are making final preparations to serve in two neighbouring restricted-access countries. Partnership development is proving to be very challenging, with many churches closed or just re-opening.



Saro is doing exceptionally well in her linguistics master's program at Payap University (and currently maintaining a 4.0 grade point average). She has already begun to help on occasion in a local Bible translation project.

Saro says, "Studying linguistics helps me value the people around me . . . I see how wonderful God made us and how important each of us is. **I want to make sure that this change in me impacts my church.**" You are equipping passionate Christians like Ingraw, Taew, Opel, Nat, Tik and Saro.

Taew is thriving in her new role

Taew, the former Wycliffe Thai Foundation activity coordinator, is excited about her new work. She has completed her training as a literacy coordinator and recently taught a literacy workshop with 17 students. "It was a superb moment for me when I saw the literacy materials that they created by themselves in such a very short time. Thanks to the Lord that He gave me the necessary talent and that He used me to serve Him in a meaningful way," she said. Thank you for helping to equip Taew.



Recent Highlights (In The Past Six Months)

- After three attempts for almost two years , a missions education event called The Journey was finally held in a Bangkok church with 140 participants and 60 facilitators.
- New Wycliffe Thai missionaries, Ingraw and Taew, started a new mission prayer meeting in the eastern training centre in Mukdahan. About 30 people (pastors and leaders) are coming for the meeting. Both Ingraw and Taew have been fully supported by local churches and continue their cross-border work in literacy and Scripture engagement, working in two different languages.
- Together with Wycliffe Thai and SIL leaders, Payap graduate Opel and his wife, Nat, (currently doing partnership development) are taking next steps towards transitioning to a field project among the Eastern Lawa people of Thailand for one year where they will join an established team promoting literacy, Scripture use and Bible translation.
- There has been a recent increase in Covid-19 cases in Thailand and many cases in a neighbouring restricted-access country. If the pandemic spreads across the border, Thailand could be locked down again. This would also affect our church engagement activities.



Upcoming Goals

- Begin construction of the new Wycliffe Thai Foundation office and training building. Dr. Rux, the chair of the board, has signed the drawing contract for the new building. Building is set to begin in 2021. The building will be used for training, seminars and workshops. SIL may also use this space.
- Saro will finish her final linguistics course work at Payap and begin to write her master's thesis.
- Restart a number of church engagement initiatives like Café Wycliffe, Camp Wycliffe and Discovery short-term trips.



Pray with us

Dear God, thank you that the construction of the new administration and training building for Wycliffe Thai Foundation is starting. The drawings are being completed and we pray now for final permissions to be granted.

We pray all will go smoothly. We pray that the new Wycliffe Asia Area fundraising initiative will prove productive.

We also pray that Wycliffe Thailand members would be motivated to engage Thai Christians in their calling and that these Christians would respond by partnering with these members.

We pray for ongoing health and strength for all Wycliffe Thai Foundation members. Please protect your people. May Your perfect love cast out all fear. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.