

Update: Wycliffe Thai Foundation



Progress:

- Held a number of Kairos church missions education courses on the theme of "Mission of God."
- Facilitated mission prayer meetings, with about 30 attendees each meeting.
- Tharawat, the executive director, visited individuals and preached in churches, raising awareness for the Wycliffe Thai Foundation and the need for Bible translation.
- Two scholarship students are in Canada to learn English in order to advance their linguistic studies.



Upcoming Goals:

- See the Church in Thailand become mature, generous and passionate in sending cross-cultural workers to other South-east Asia nations.
- Link international partners with local churches and agencies, and to serve minority people groups in Southeast Asia.



Stories of impact:

Two new Thai translators begin training

Ying and Saro have felt the call of God to train and serve as Bible translators for the minority peoples of their region. In the past few months, the pastors of both Ying and Saro have committed to personally support the young women as they study English in Canada. The women are studying to prepare for their master's of linguistics program (taught in English) at Payap University in Thailand.

Relief from the flood

In Thailand, monsoons are quite common. But this year, flooding hit the northern provinces for the first time in 50 years! The city of Sakon Nakhon was severely flooded. The airport and local shops were closed, and the residents had little food or water, but could not leave the area. Emergency water and food had to be delivered exclusively by boat.

The Wycliffe Thai Foundation Mukdahan branch, in partnership with local churches and government agencies, distributed food and water to those who were suffering. Since this disaster, the Wycliffe Thai Foundation has been recognized and more readily accepted among the Mukdahan Association of Churches in Mukdahan province.

Bible stories and songs are recorded

Mr. John, Wycliffe Thai Foundation's event and discovery co-ordinator, travelled to help facilitate the recording of new ethno-arts materials and Bible stories in a neighbouring country. Participants came from five tribes, and the training and recording went on for five full days. They started early each day and didn't finish until 7 p.m. Participants were encouraged to reflect on the meaning of art among their own people and discover how these forms of art can be used to convey Scriptural truths in their culture. Six songs covering a wide variety of cultural topics were completed for each group.

Resourcing wonderful workers

One important role of the Wycliffe Thai Foundation is to offer a visa platform to international Wycliffe Global Alliance workers serving in the region. While completing reports, Jimmie, the office manager, commented, "I see God's love for Thai people as he sends missionaries with such a heart for Thai people, asking them to join Wycliffe Thailand."



Pray with us:

- Dear God, we pray for the many young Thai Christians who are responding to the call of God on their lives to missions. But in a land where the Church is just waking up to the idea of sending out cross-cultural missionaries, these young people face a huge challenge in finding individuals to pray for and fund their ministries. Please bring the right people together through divine appointments. We ask you to open people's hearts to supporting the ministries of these young people.
- Dear Lord, thank you for those who have learned about the Bible translation movement through Wycliffe Thailand. Please guide them as they seek out how best to get involved. Please provide wisdom to the lady who is currently pursuing Wycliffe membership.
- God, please continue to reach individuals through Oral Bible Storying. Please let more churches become involved.



Quick Facts:

Purpose: To encourage, facilitate and champion Bible translation among Thailand's Christian community in order to engage language communities in Southeast Asia.

Potential population impact: Unreached population in Thailand: 66,175,000. Additionally, millions more in neighbouring nations may be impacted.

Number of languages served: 200+ language communities.

Geographic area: Thailand and three difficult-to-access neighbouring nations.

Focus ministry: Church engagement, missions education, training and recruiting new members.

Remaining Ministry Year need (to August 2018): \$75,610



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