

Ridgley Update - August-September 2026



Dear Friends,

There is an older lady in our Thai church here in Chiang Mai. She is a fairly new believer (about two years) and the only Christian in her family. She always greets me on Sundays and asks me to pray for her physical ailments and other things that are going on in her life. About two weeks ago, during the testimony time at the end of the church service, she slowly walked to the front and took the microphone. It was obvious she had never spoken in public as she was very nervous and apologetic. She started telling how she wasn't very educated and especially didn't have a lot of biblical knowledge but she was so thankful to God for all that he had done for her. She then proceeded to tell us a story about visiting an old friend in

Bangkok. "I went to stay with my friend and she is not a Christian. I felt that she was very bothered about something but I didn't know why. The next morning, she confided in me that she could not sleep well and was very anxious with what she described as evil spirit problems. On the second floor of her house, she has one full room dedicated to idols and religious paraphernalia. She told me that she has been hearing unusual noises and feeling a very evil presence in her home. I actually did not know what to say to her but I told her that I thought Jesus could fix it. I told her how he had helped me and that maybe we should ask him to help her too. I prayed with her a simple prayer and asked Him to stop the demonic activity and give my friend peace. The next morning, a Saturday, my friend told me that the noises were gone and something strangely comforting and peaceful had come over her and her home. I said to her let's find a church and go hear about God if you would like. So, the next morning we found a church and the people there were kind and hospitable. My friend was very blessed because she had never been in that kind of atmosphere before. The church people got her information and promised to follow-up on here very soon. I was so excited that God would use someone even like me."

Jeannette and I sat and listened to this testimony and were just so touched at how God uses such ordinary people to do extraordinary things. He is still doing this millions of times everyday all over the world. He is continuing to build His kingdom although it may be imperceptible to us.

On the 22nd of October, our Thai church will be celebrating it's 20th anniversary. There are going to be a lot of activities and a lot of people in attendance (the other two church plants and friends of the church). They have asked me to share and although I tried to beg off in that they have done the lions share of building the church community. I think it is part of the Asian thing of honoring elders and founders of the church. Please pray that God will give us a wonderful evening together as we celebrate all of the wonderful things he has done.

Somchai is a friend of ours who is a deacon in the church. His wife May was hit by a truck on her motorcycle about 4 years ago and has since been wheel chair bound. They are finding it increasingly difficult to get her back and forth to church, etc. Our company was recently able to acquire a Chinese made van through some car trades. It has been all prepped and now we are hoping to buy a chair lift set up so that it will be easy for May to get in and out of the van. We are going to go ahead and use mission and personal money to get this done but if any of you feel led to contribute to this need (estimated cost around \$5000 USD), it would be much appreciated.

