



YawaNews

May Mission Month 2024



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Hey - it's May again !!! Great time to touch base in this Mission Month - the focus in Baptist Churches in Australia.
 When did we start this practice?? There may be others who remember better than me but I have it in mind that it was a vision of JD Williams - long-term General Secretary (director) of ABMS (our former name).
 He'd be thrilled to know we are continuing this emphasis.
 So our heartfelt thanks to you, your group or your church who are making special efforts in seeking to be involved in "Mending God's beautiful broken world" by your involvement, prayer and support.

Hope you enjoy and again will be challenged by our video. And checkout others on Baptist Mission Australia website /Resources/Mending!
 Resources/Intercultural Team Updates/ Thailand/Jit and Jan (and for others too)
 NOTE: I had planned to send this earlier but needed to iron out some issues.
 If you happen to want to view or use the version with captions select the list of names and press the word "captions" - hopefully it will open. I am able to open in my iPhone and iPad but have problems with my Mac Computer - won't open.
 For others we hope it will be OK.

Would be great if we could take you visiting with us - but if you all came you wouldn't fit into the village houses!!! So we'll bring some to visit you in cyberspace!!!



Tat, a young man with cerebral palsy always has a beaming smile to share with us. But, for sometime now, he has had lockjaw with his teeth clenched. He can't eat properly so is losing weight. Pray for the right treatment and a miracle to free up his jaw. Any recommendations from people with knowledge would be welcome?

We were advised about a little girl with severe disabilities so went to visit the little house up a steep rocky path and chatted with Mum and older sister, who did much of the caring. Then noted elderly grandma in the background - told "she's blind"!! A team comes from Britain twice a year- surgery for cataract - now she's thrilled to be able to see. She'll await surgery for the other one, too, later in the year.



An "almost-family" wedding.
Groom - just a month younger than Anna - played as kids, school together - now pastoring a church in the north. Mum in our Lanternlight team. Dad teaches at our Bible school - taught me language. Sister - was our physio (now moved north too)
Bride - very sweet - teaching Bible school



Our members are like family and we, too, are saddened when their conditions overcome their fight.
 Within days we were called to take 2 to hospital.



Morakot (nickname Pumpkin for his smiley face) in front, was the 3rd of these boys to lose their fights with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy He has a younger brother, now 11, also affected (3rd boy in family). There are 2 even younger boys who appear to be disease free.
Suree, with all her disabilities was always healthy - a happy girl who giggled at the camp water fight - looked so different when we were called

Gethsemane Bible School Graduation



11 graduated but this 6 had been in my weekly English class. Not huge progress but we had fun!!! 5 of this group are from the refugee camp and have been selected to go to 3rd countries = USA

Easter Journey



In Thailand Easter hasn't been emphasised but one of the young pastors asked me how we could celebrate. I suggested living the story. Started with the Last Supper - people brought food to share & we focussed on the story over the next days.



ChaiYarThit wasn't issued a birth certificate as his parents weren't Thai citizens but he is entitled to citizenship through quite a process. At a recent visit of the governor and a team from a princess's project we had a chance to talk with local officials to "fast track" the process but will still take time++. Pray for progress.

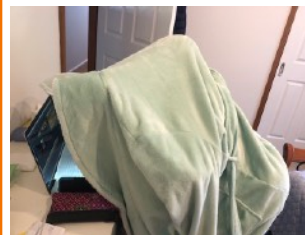


To ensure longevity of our Lanternlight Ministries with people with disabilities we're in the process of merging with Shalom Home Care Ministries. The teams work together well. Pray for the final acceptance vote of the Board that only meets occasional and for the process of fusing the outreach to those in need



In April we had a chance to meet together in a retreat with the rest of our Baptist Mission Australia team that are here in Thailand for some relaxation and spiritual refreshment. Activity 1 - chocolate making with Margaret - Yum - we got to eat our creations !!!!

Recording Studio



Finding a way to cut some of the echo in recording for the MMM video - a good thick dressing gown made an ideal "quiet space" Good not to be claustrophobic !

And that the temperature wasn't our current 37-39 daily weather temps here. We are all awaiting some relief when the rains come soon



Anna is thoroughly enjoying her time at Sydney Missionary & Bible College - the teaching (now on the other end of assignments) - friendships - college life together - cooking Thai food for friends. We also discovered an old photo of us at an Inter-Mission short course at SMBC in 1998 before we returned to Thailand after training at Morling College



Recently I, Jan, made my regular trip to Aus for health checks and thanking God for good results

MAY God richly bless you.
Love to you. *Jit & Jan*

