LLW Team Thailand Update

Rugloskis in Chiang Mai

April 2023



I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you because the news of your faith is being reported in all the world. God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in telling the good news about his Son—that I constantly mention you, always asking in my prayers that if it is somehow in God's will, I may now at last succeed in coming to you. For I want very much to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you, that is, to be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. Romans 1:8-12

Greetings from Thailand!

We have been busy in Thailand helping to strengthen and encourage the church leaders and pastor serving in the rural village churches. We trust the Lord has you serving the people around you, to encourage in word and deed so that you would be fruitful for the gospel (Titus 3:14).



Carol continues to serve at Grace Inter'l School where Hannah is starting her high school career in 9th grade and James is in his senior year. Both Hannah and James are playing on the varsity soccer teams and enjoying the competition.

Over the last year, we have been giving short ministry and life updates on our private FB group page: LLW TEAM THAILAND. Our goal has been to send out shorter updates more often to keep connected better with YOU our supporters and prayer partners on a monthly basis. If you would like to see the page, Please click here: <u>LLW Team Thailand</u>

Watch our LLW video!

We will also be sending out an email every quarter for those who are not on FB and cannot access our private FB group. We will summarize the ministry and family happenings in a pdf as we did in the past - *like this pdf here.*

Thank you once again for your partnership in our international ministry. We would not be able to do our ministry here without your faithful support back home in prayer and giving for the building of the kingdom of God. **THANK YOU!!**

If your interests have changed and you no longer would like to be on this email list, please reply with the subject "REMOVE EMAIL" and we will update our email list. We appreciate your past interest and pray the Lord will bless you in every way as you advance His Kingdom in the days ahead.

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*** For those of you who would like to join our ministry team and help us in prayer and through giving, please visit our website <u>HERE</u>. Thank you for your interest in the Lord's work in Thailand.***

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A Visit with LLW Myanm*r Staff

January 2023



At the MPL Learning Center studying God's word together.

Report from Joshua Chan:

"Saw Ta No Thoo who is my co-laborer in Christ in Myanmar, asked me to go and teach in his training center in Kyaington, Myanmar where 17 Bible students from remote villages are waiting. But, there is still fighting in some areas making a trip to the town very dangerous. I was praying and asking how to decide in this particular situation.

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5th BLT Graduation Celebration

January 2023



Celebrating God's faithfulness in equipping faithful men and women for service in the church.

Rob and his friend Eisen joined Joshua Chan and the other BLT teachers at the MPL Learning Center on January 17 to celebrate the graduation of the 5th BLT cohort. These faithful students had to persevere for five years to complete the 3-year program on account of Covid related delays.

Many who came a day early, as Rob and Eisen did, camped in tents and enjoyed the cool weather and scenic views from the Learning Center. CaLaBon and his family provided a special dinner the day before the graduation, where small groups gather around clay fire cookers and cook fresh meats and veggies known as Moogata (I think). It was a great way to stay warm, eat too much good food, and visit with the campers.



About 80 people in all gathered at the MPL Learning Center to celebrate in classic Lahu style. With almost everyone attending participating at some level, we were treated to many songs lead by various attendees, many traditional dances in colorful dress, along with several testimonies from graduates as well as family members.

For the graduation, Jeff Johnson gave a word of encouragement to the graduates, reminding them of the firm foundation they have received through the BLT program. By God's grace and strength they are responsible to help build God's Kingdom right where He has placed them and do their part to equip the next generation of evangelists and pastors and teachers.

We all enjoyed a traditional Lahu meal together, fellowshipping with each other and sharing stories of God's faithfulness over these past few years. We also introduced the BLT program to many who were interested in joining the next cohort, with about 8 students who signed up to attend. We expect to have a cohort of about 20 students for the next BLT group and will start the first week of training in mid-February.

Our goal with the BLT program is to follow the Apostle Paul's example of equipping the next generation of church leaders, who will then be able to equip the next generation of church leaders, who will then be able to equip ...

"The things you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." (2 Tim. 2:2).

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BIBLICAL LEADERSHIP TRAINING (BLT) @ MAE PUN LUANG (MPL)

February 2023

In mid-February we were excited to begin another cohort of BLT students at the MPL Learning Center. We had 8 - 10 students join us each day as their schedules allowed since most are part-time pastors, evangelists or church leaders.

We covered the topics of Biblical Leadership and Bible Study Methods. There was much time spent in discussing current challenges in ministry and applying some new study skills to passages of the Bible.



Several BLT Alumni had the opportunity to lead the group discussions later in the week. We hope to delegate more and more of the training to the next generation of church leaders and trainers.

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Please pray for Calabon, Suphot, Likhai and Mawsom as they begin to take on more responsibility as BLT teachers/facilitators and mentors. May the Lord fill them with His Spirit daily, that they would serve from an overflow of God's power and peace.



At the MPL Learning Center studying God's word together.



TRAINING WITH L3C STUDENTS FROM LAOS

March 2023



Special training session for 2 days with key L3C students from Laos

During the first week in March, Joshua Chan and Rob traveled almost 5 hours to Chiang Saen on the border of Thailand and Laos near the Golden Triangle to meet up with Ajarn Suphot and Ajarn Lihkai to encourage a group of L3C students from Laos.

Ten young men and women from Laos who had begun the 10-part correspondence course (L3C) before the Covid restrictions were able to make contact with one of the LLW Thai staff Ajarn Lihkai and plan 2 days of review of L3C and some additional training.

Ajarn Lihkai reviewed several sections of the L3C where the students had some questions and helped clarify the Biblical doctrines. Rob was able to discuss with the students several key themes of the



Kingdom of God presented in the NT and how to incorporate those themes practically in discipleship and evangelism.

As always, our group discussion times began with prayer and singing and are filled with good questions and much laughter. What an encouragement to see these young people zealous for God and the gospel and desiring to grow in their faith and help build God's kingdom.

Three of the students are planning to join us for additional training at the Biblical Leadership Training (BLT) Learning Center in Mae Pu Luang (MPL) at the end of April for two weeks. *Please pray for:*

The 3 students as they will apply for VISA's and seek the Lord to provide the funds needed for the VISA's and for traveling to MPL.

The teachers to prepare well and have notes translated into Lahu before training

Each student to be rooted, built up, and established in the faith so they can encourage others to grow in grace with much joy.

