

## DEAR FRIENDS

In the Kingdom of God, it is not just about focusing on one's own visions. It is a blessing when we serve other ministries with our potential. This is what happened in Fang/Northern Thailand and Nakhon Pathom/Central Thailand. Recently we sent teams of our community with staffs, former addicts and rehabilitants to support our friend's ministries. Evangelizing in the villages making home visits, cooking, praying for the sick, preaching and children's ministry, that was the range of different tasks....very intense, but very fulfilling.

On the other hand, we have recently been blessed with many visitors from nations such as Switzerland, Germany, Mongolia, Norway and Myanmar. They all shared about their ministries and the personal testimony of God's goodness in their lives. This is very much faith-building and inspiring. It makes new expectations and visions rise, because with God there is always more. Being connected in this way is enriching and makes me grateful.

**Rolf Niederer**



Although I'm still in the rehabilitation program, I was able to go to Nakhon Pathom. That made me very happy. At first I was concerned whether I could talk to strangers about Jesus. Then, as we were walking around in the villages sharing our testimonies, suddenly I felt very safe, which amazed me.

But I especially liked the worship time in a public place. A lot of people were passing there. I would like to do that again in other places in the future. I am very grateful to God for all these new experiences.

**Po(30)**

## SLUM MINISTRY

After the big evangelistic outreach at the end of the last year with over 350 people from the slum and the surrounding area, we felt great openness and gratitude among the people. As we have expected, we have been able to gather a handful of adults over the past few months, to study the life of Jesus from simple bible stories on a weekly basis. We are also happy about a newly started children's group in the slum, to which at least 10 children come every week.

**Sarayut (Game)**



# THE SHELTER AND HOUSE OF FRIENDS



## NORMAL

My name is Tang (36): "I'm back to normal, I come to my senses. My 18 years of addiction to amphetamines drove me insane. I was not able to recognize people, including my own mother and argued with the TV and smashed it because it didn't listen to me. I set fire to garbage cans regularly. The police took me into custody every few weeks. I was called insane and didn't know who I was anymore."

At The Shelter, drug rehab, I found faith in Jesus and was freed from confusion. Through the daily routine in the community, encouragement and the word of God, I am gradually back to my senses and the environment again. Jesus answered many of my prayers. For example, I am reconciled with my family, I was able to reconnect with my five-year-old daughter and I can think normally, which is a miracle. I now live independently and have a regular job."

## THANKFUL



My name is Ruen (55): "I'm from Bangkok and I've been living in the community for more than 3 years. Alcohol was my constant companion for over 30 years. I used to have my own motorbike repair shop. All my relationships ended and my three children grew up without me. After one and a half years of my therapy, I supported the rehabilitation with practical work. It was meant to protect me, but I drank secretly 2-3 times. That is now a thing of the past. I now live in the House of Friends and have been going to work regularly for almost one year. It took a while... but to have a new life and able to take responsibility again fills me with gratitude. I still see my place in the House of Friends, because this is where I experience God's love and security."

## NEXT STEP



Benz (26): "In The Shelter I found freedom from my drug addiction. After my therapy and after care stage, which I completed as an intern at the rehabilitation center, I am now part of the staff team. Jesus changed me. I would like to pass on the love and affirmation that I experienced to those undergoing rehabilitation. Through prayer and talking to the leaders, I received confirmation for this step, which I am very happy and grateful for."

## FRESH WIND

Still fresh and on fire.... recently our young people attended the four-days youth camp called X-Treme in Chiang Mai. With over 2000 youth and young adults, they celebrated Jesus, learned the word and received vision for Thailand. After the event, some of them decided to carry on the fire, so they agree to fast and pray once a week with an evening worship time to seek the Lord together. This has been going on up till now for almost 3 months.



## VISION

We've mentioned it here and there. We have been praying for our own property for a long time. We envision a property that has the potential to facilitate our current and future ministries and communities. That means we live together, looking after those who need help, having different areas of work, including agricultural projects, making disciples, preaching the good news and train new staff for the Kingdom of God. The properties we have looked at so far have helped us to get a clear idea, but unfortunately nothing suitable was found. It's a huge challenge, but nothing is impossible with God. Please pray with us for God's guidance and provision. Thanks!

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