



# MISSIONS UPDATE

## THAILAND UPDATE

### From our Ministry Partners Tom & Jing

#### Building Relationships and Sharing the Gospel

During the recent school holidays and Songkran festival, we spent time with children, youth, and their families. We enjoyed activities together, strengthened relationships, encouraged one another, and shared the Gospel with parents. We were also able to take several youth to a youth camp. We have continued connecting with scholarship students who have graduated, as well as former recipients who have moved away for school or work. We encourage them to remain faithful to God wherever life takes them.



#### Please Pray For:

- Continued effectiveness in evangelism and discipleship.
- New believers to develop strong faith and remain committed to following Jesus.
- Children and youth as they face challenges such as phone gaming addiction and drug abuse.
- Wisdom, knowledge, and understanding for Tom and Jing as they serve.
- Approval of land documents and permits needed for the future Sunshine Center.
- That the Lord would make a way for Tom & Jing and family to visit here on a reverse missions trip, bringing together all the needed details and arrangements.

#### Scholarship Program Update

This year, nine students completed or left the scholarship program, and we have welcomed 19 new scholarship recipients. We are excited to invest in these students' education and spiritual growth and look forward to seeing how God works in their lives.

Thank you, Element Church, pastors, leaders, sponsors, and supporters. Your partnership makes this ministry possible. We pray that God will continue to bless you as you faithfully support His work in Thailand.

#### Ministry Growth

A new opportunity has opened for us through the monthly gathering of churches across Bueng Kan Province. We now lead the children's and youth ministry during these meetings, teaching God's Word and organizing activities for young people from multiple churches.

We are excited to share that over the past few months:

- 5 people were baptized.
- 3 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior.



**Tom and Jing's son, Nemo, along with his friend Owen, arrive at college this last May. Thanks to Element supporters, their education is being fully funded.**



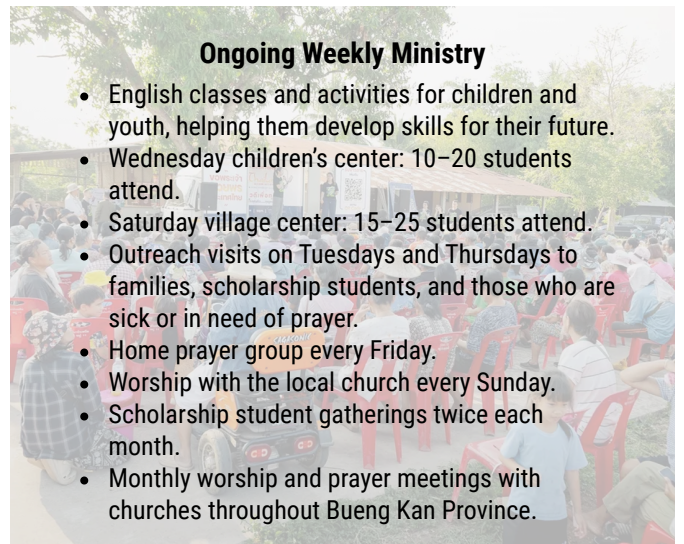
#### New Outreach Opportunity

We are exploring a catfish farming project for poor families and new believers. For approximately 1,000 baht, (\$30 U.S. dollars,) per family, we can provide a small concrete pond, fry, and starter feed. Beyond helping families provide food and income, this project creates ongoing opportunities to visit homes, build relationships, disciple new believers, and encourage spiritual growth.

*With love and gratitude,  
Tom, Jing,  
& Nemo*

#### Ongoing Weekly Ministry

- English classes and activities for children and youth, helping them develop skills for their future.
- Wednesday children's center: 10-20 students attend.
- Saturday village center: 15-25 students attend.
- Outreach visits on Tuesdays and Thursdays to families, scholarship students, and those who are sick or in need of prayer.
- Home prayer group every Friday.
- Worship with the local church every Sunday.
- Scholarship student gatherings twice each month.
- Monthly worship and prayer meetings with churches throughout Bueng Kan Province.





Dear Church Family,  
Thank you for the many ways you continue to support Little Roots Learning Center. God has been gracious throughout this journey,

and we are excited to share that we are moving forward. While there is still work to be done, we are cautiously optimistic about opening our doors in early August.

We are thankful to report some encouraging news: the costly traffic mitigation fee has been waived, and our other permits are in the works. Over the past several months, we have gained valuable experience and insight by visiting and volunteering at other preschools in our community.

We look forward to creating a very special program here at Little Roots and are excited to announce an **Open House on Friday, July 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-6:30pm**. This is for anyone and everyone to come and see the work done by so many of you and the generous donations given toward our brand-new playground and classrooms! This is also an opportunity for prospective families to come see the space and find out more information.

Please continue to pray that we are able to open our doors in August and pray for the little ones, their families, and the preschool staff. Please pray that God would prepare their hearts, bless their homes, and use Little Roots as a place where children are loved, nurtured, and pointed to Christ.

Thank you again for your faithful support and prayers.  
*Justine and Katy - Co directors*

If you would like to donate to the smaller items needed for quality and enrichment, please see our Amazon Wishlist.



**Praise:**

We are praising God for continued healing/breakthroughs, next steps of faith (baptism, Bible study, etc. for some clients), and graduation for clients that have met their goals. Michelle currently has a waitlist with 10 clients, which indicates a high need in our community!

**Prayer:**

Please pray that God would bring the right fit for a potential additional clinician and wisdom for that process.

From Jan 1 this year through today,  
Michelle has had 306 sessions for 37 clients (individuals/couples).



A Christ-centered Support Group help foster, adoptive, and kinship families heal, connect, and thrive.

We had 8 families participate this year, including 17 children and 4 teens! Our families ended the ministry year with a celebration party, along with the wonderful mentors who cared for the children and met with the teens for the past 9 months.

We are currently breaking for summer, and then will start back up again with a kick-off party for the fall ministry year. Any new foster/kinship/adoptive families are welcome to join us in the fall.

Kick-Off: August 28  
First Group Meeting: Sept. 11

**Ways to help serve:**

- Let other families know about it! (ongoing)
- Prayer for continued spiritual growth and renewal for the participants (ongoing)
- Children's/Teen Mentor: ensure safety, teach about God, have fun (once monthly; training and fingerprinting are required)
- Mentor Coordinator: confirm mentors for each month, run through guidelines, pray (once monthly)
- Children's Coordinator: read through kids curriculum and prep activities/crafts/snacks (once monthly)
- Meal Coordinator: build team to make/buy dinner for participating parents (once monthly)

**ACROSS THE STREET...**

**Delta High School**

Easter has come and gone, along with the stuffing of 4,000 eggs! Now we've already reached the end of another school year.

It has been a wonderful year ministering to the students and staff at Delta. Through weekly lunchtime game times, we've had many opportunities to build relationships with students. We were also excited to have our very own Kevin Kaub spending additional time on campus, connecting with students while teaching a guitar class.

Element recently had the privilege of hosting Delta's Senior Awards Night. Many students and families attended and enjoyed a special dinner planned in their honor. Delta had originally intended to hold the dinner on their lawn, but the ever-present Santa Maria wind had other plans! Thankfully, Element was able to offer our patio as an alternative venue, which turned out to be a much more enjoyable setting. The evening continued in our sanctuary, providing a memorable space for students and families to celebrate together.

Delta's Senior Picnic was held on their campus, where we had the opportunity to spend time with students, watch their excitement as they won gift cards donated by the people of Element, and be served ice cream by our people.

The day after graduation, students drove through Delta's campus to pick up their diplomas, receiving a special treat with card attached, personally handed to them by servants of Element.

We are so grateful for the opportunities to minister to the students and staff of Delta. Thank you for your generosity and support, which make these relationships and ministry opportunities possible.



Delta now has a new supply shed where you can donate new socks, sweatshirts, sweatpants, and toiletries or other items year-round to help students in need.

Contact [judy.lees@ourelement.org](mailto:judy.lees@ourelement.org) if you'd like to serve or for more info.



## A message from CARE NET PREGNANCY CENTER

Dear Element Church,  
Care Net has had an exciting and fruitful start to 2026. Our annual fundraising banquet was a tremendous success, raising over \$70,000 to support the ministry. The evening welcomed more than 220 guests and highlighted powerful client stories, ministry updates, a live ultrasound demonstration, and a heartfelt message from the medical director.

### Needs:

- Volunteers for the Thanksgiving Day Turkey Trot at Waller Park (November 26, 2026)
- Client advocates willing to serve one day per week (training provided)
- Volunteers to assist with the ministry's move later this summer
- Donations or discounted sources for prenatal vitamins
- Diapers (sizes 5 and 6) and baby wipes



During the first quarter of 2026, Care Net served 257 clients and provided 806 units of service. The ministry facilitated 438 parenting classes, administered 158 pregnancy tests and 93 ultrasounds, distributed 4,780 boutique items, and provided 17 postpartum gift bags to new mothers. Volunteers generously contributed nearly 684 hours of service.

Most importantly, Care Net continues to impact lives spiritually. Staff and volunteers prayed with clients 251 times, shared the Gospel 124 times, and celebrated eight individuals placing their faith in Christ and receiving a Bible. Additionally, eight abortion-minded clients chose life after viewing an ultrasound.



### A major praise report!

The renovations on Care Net's new facility began on May 12 and are coming along very nicely. It is expected to take 10-12 weeks to complete.

### Much Needed Prayer...

We are currently seeking a Part-Time Nurse Manager (RN) and a Volunteer Sonographer to join our Christ-centered team and help make an eternal impact in our community.

If you — or someone you know — feel called to this ministry position, we would love to connect with you. Please email [info@carenetism.com](mailto:info@carenetism.com) for details.

Thank you Element, for all your support

*Christina Saffan - Executive Director*

## FROM THE FIELD : Randy & Edie

### 1. Good News Thailand – 24-City Evangelism Campaign

One of my main focuses this year has been serving on the national committee for Good News Thailand, a 24-city evangelism campaign that ran from October 2025 through June 2026. While I attended only the four Bangkok events, it was exciting to see churches across Thailand unite to share the Gospel through music, testimonies, and evangelistic outreach.

An unexpected blessing was the interest from national media. At both the launch event and the final Bangkok gathering, news outlets covered interviews, testimonies, and Gospel-centered messages. The final Bangkok event also featured former Prime Minister Chuan Leekpai and the Australian worship group Planetshakers.

As of March 2026:

- In-person attendance: 585,549
- Online participation: 12,279,259
- Decisions for Christ: 257,554

Those who made decisions have been connected with local churches for follow-up and discipleship. We also praise God that five Gospel trucks are now continuing outreach in villages and rural communities. Our steering committee meets June 18 to discuss next steps.

### 2. Edie's Recovery

We are thankful that Edie's knee replacement surgery went very well. Recently she walked over 8,000 steps in Bangkok without pain or stiffness. We praise God for her recovery.



### DID YOU KNOW?

Element sets aside 10% of all donations received in a fund for Church Planting/World Relief. It is through this account that we give to all of these amazing organizations and ministries. Thank you for your generosity that makes this a reality

### 3. True Friend Women's Center – Pattaya

Edie is encouraged by the growth at the True Friend Women's Center. Esther Phuangyok, who traveled with the Element team to visit Tom and Jing, is providing strong leadership through Bible studies, English classes, friendship lunches, and weekly outreach gatherings. The ministry is focusing on smaller groups that allow for deeper relationships while continuing larger outreach events.

### 4. Kenya Ministry

During an April trip to Kenya, a supporter unexpectedly provided funds to purchase a church building for the Turkana Frontier Mission Center in Lokichogio, near the Sudan border. This center will help equip Turkana pastors to reach neighboring tribes in South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Uganda with the Gospel. I was also able to visit ongoing farm and well projects that support this ministry.

Current Ministry Needs

- Volunteers and teams for outreach to schools in Bueng Kan.
- Continued financial support for ministry opportunities.
- Prayer for permits needed for the Youth Church/Center in Tom and Jing's village.

Much appreciation to Element Church family!

**Randy & Edie**

**HAPPENINGS:**

Winter Quarter was filled with meaningful fellowship, meals, and spiritual conversations with international students. Highlights included Valentine's, Olympics, and St. Patrick's Day gatherings that pointed students to Jesus and His love.



During Spring Break, staff and volunteers took eight students to Yosemite, where they enjoyed hiking, shared meals, and a Bible discussion from Acts 17. The trip provided opportunities for students to hear the Gospel and grow spiritually.

- Praises:**
- Nathan - a longtime student visiting from South Korea, is growing in his faith and preparing for baptism and continues following Jesus.
  - Several students have recently attended church, leading to deeper conversations about faith.

- Prayer Requests:**
- Continued spiritual growth for Nathan and other students.
  - Financial provision and strength for the returning student to complete his studies.
  - That students exploring faith would be drawn to Jesus and salvation.
  - The team celebrates Christ's death and resurrection and prays that the hope of Easter would encourage and strengthen them all.



**CAPTIVE HEARTS**  
 Break free, Heal, and be Restored

This year, Captive Hearts Ministries celebrates 25 years of helping women find hope, healing, and freedom through Jesus Christ. We are grateful for every life transformed, every prayer offered and every person who has supported this ministry through Element Church and others along the way.

One powerful example is Sarah, a program participant who recently celebrated two years of sobriety. After years of grief, trauma, shame, and substance abuse, Sarah found healing through the Biblical teaching, recovery work, prayer, and community at Captive Hearts. She shares, "I have been given a second chance at life and will never stop sharing what Jesus has done through this life-changing ministry."

Our women continue to benefit from special opportunities such as equine therapy, which helps build confidence, reduce anxiety, encourage trust, and support emotional healing.

We are also thankful for the success of our 2nd Annual Pickleball Tournament fundraiser and for opportunities to share the ministry through community events, including speaking at Moms and Mentors gatherings at New Life Pismo Church.

Please continue to pray for the women in our program as they pursue restoration and lasting freedom in Christ.

*-Cyd and LeeAnn-*

**Volunteers Needed at Second Chances!**

Looking for a meaningful way to serve? The Second Chances Thrift Store is seeking volunteers to help support the mission of Captive Hearts Ministries and make a difference in the lives of women pursuing restoration. As a volunteer, you'll receive store shopping credit while serving your community. Applications are available at Captive Hearts Ministries or can be picked up at the store.

For questions, contact Store Manager Dave Smith at [\(805\) 556-2679](tel:8055562679).

**FROM THE FIELD of MCNEAL**  
 The Ministry of Brian & Bailey Pruett

This year has been so full already of exciting things God is doing here at home and across the world as well.

**JANUARY** We had 5 families come to McNeal for evaluation. As a team, we evaluate their aviation skills and spiritual maturity while each family also evaluates Ethnos360 to decide if this is something they want to be a part of. All 5 families were accepted into the program here so we are so excited that God is raising up more laborers for His kingdom work! Brian also went to Brazil to fly with our newest pilot there. Kyle and his family had recently finished language school and were finally able to help out Bruno, who'd been flying for church planters there for years by himself! Praise the Lord!

**FEBRUARY** Brian headed over to Indonesia for the first time. This was such an exciting time because Indonesia had waited YEARS for the helicopter flight program to open there and this was finally the time!

**APRIL** Brian was off to Papua New Guinea where he did recurrency training for all our helicopter pilots there and brought online our two newest pilots. Again, thank you Lord for more laborers!

In the midst of all of that, we have one helicopter student currently here with his wife so we have spent much time with them as well.

Also in April, we hosted each of our program managers from all of our countries. They were here for two weeks to meet and encourage each other and to give updates as to the things God is doing in each country. It is a really encouraging and exciting time for all of us here, to be reminded of the big picture, which is to take God's Word to places it is never been and to offer people an opportunity to know Christ. While there were many heavy stories, it also means that Satan doesn't like what is happening and we can rejoice in knowing Christ is in control of all things and HE will build His kingdom, despite the hardships we face here.

**May** brought mixed emotions as we graduated Maycie from high school and sent her off on a grand adventure to Papua New Guinea for two months where she is being immersed in missions and is able to see firsthand what church planting in remote villages looks like. In a couple of weeks she will finish this immersive missions course and move to another location in Papua New Guinea where she will be interning with the aviation team there, mostly in the admin department. We aren't able to talk to her often but when do, it is sweet and exciting to hear the stories of God's care and provision for her and for the things God is teaching her.



In Papua New Guinea, they brought tribal church leaders of Wantakia to this one in Menya in order to help counsel and train the new church leaders there.



The very first landing in Lauje, Indonesia where there is a church currently doing outreaches in nearby villages but will now be able to use the helicopter!

We are thankful that after all of that we've had some respite as a family (minus Maycie!) before things pick up again here in the next few weeks.

**Please pray for the second half this year**

- Brian's travel schedule will look similar to the first half, adding in a trip to Spokane to take Maycie to college,
- the bike season for the boys which begins next week,
- and a new helicopter student starting here in September!

Scan this QR code for a cool story talking about it!



Please pray for these ministries, that those who serve would remain close to God in the midst of their service. Pray that their relationship with Him would continue to grow, that they would minister out of the overflow of His grace, and that they would find strength, wisdom, and encouragement in His presence each day. May they faithfully reflect Christ's love to those they serve and experience the joy of walking with Him as they carry out their ministry. Join us Thursday mornings in Element's Lounge from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for a rich time of seeking the Lord together and praying for these ministries. Come for all or part of the time as your schedule allows.