



# Andre & Karen Provost

## Thailand

**“It has been my ambition to preach the Gospel where Christ is not known, so that I would not be building on someone else’s foundation.” Rom. 15:20**

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**Dear Friends,**

I will never forget the first time I was challenged to support missionaries. “Ask God for a dollar amount to give each month to a missionary for one year.” This was a stretch since I was a full-time student without income. I prayed. Thirty-five dollars a month was the answer. I was to believe God for this amount each month. In those days we called it a “faith promise.”

Things went well for the first few months, but then the test came. One Sunday evening, the last day of the month, I arrived at the church penniless; I had received no income that month. While worshipping, I asked God, “Lord, was I presumptuous when I made that faith promise or was it really you? Show me.”

At the end of the service, an elderly woman approached me from across the auditorium, “God told me to give this to you.” She handed me an envelope. I opened it up. WOW! Thirty-five dollars, just in time to place it in a giving envelope and pass it to an usher before I left the church. God has never failed me in providing monthly offerings for missionaries. Not only that, God has also continually provided all our needs.

Last month, Pastor Bob of the City Harvest Church in Vancouver, Washington kicked off their Global Outreach Sunday with an interesting message. “Missionaries are not super Christians. As a matter of fact, we are all missionaries. Some of us are missionaries where we regularly live and work. Others are called to pick up roots and transplant themselves into another culture or another country to bring the gospel to those who have not heard. Those missionaries are called ‘scattered missionaries.’ They need our support.”

I am convinced that it is God’s heart for everyone to have a chance to hear the Gospel. Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How are they to call on one they have not believed in? And how are they to believe in one they have not heard of? How are they to hear without someone preaching to them? And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Scattered missionaries are sent to those who have not had a chance to hear.

Twenty million Isan people live in Northeast Thailand. Most have never had a chance to hear the gospel. With only three in one thousand who are believers, they need outside help to get the gospel to the others. God has placed in me an ambition to preach the gospel where it has not been heard. This is the reason why Karen and I are picking up roots again. As a scattered missionary couple, we plan to transplant ourselves this October in an area surrounded by 250,121 Isan people who live in 695 villages without any documented churches or believers. For this reason, we are choosing to leave the security of Karen’s teaching job, thrift stores, food banks, Medicare coverage, soup kitchens and life in the states to go to the unknown. This is the reason why we are now traveling across the USA looking for partners who God has prepared for the increase of support needed to fulfill the vision of churches in every Isan village. Pray and ask God if you are to make a “faith promise” to support a scattered missionary. Then watch and see God provide all your needs.

Pray for our protection while traveling these next four months. We are most grateful for those of you who pray and support this ministry. Without your partnership, we could not do this work.

In His Service,

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