

# Hughes News



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Bill with Parents-Circa 1958

This month, my dear mother passed away unexpectedly. She hadn't been feeling well for a while and just stopped breathing. I wanted to go home to her funeral but international travel was being restricted in many places because of the Covid 19 virus. I was concerned about being quarantined somewhere while Julie was alone in Thailand. Also, I didn't want to take a chance on catching the virus and spreading it around family and friends in the USA. I reluctantly decided it would be best to stay in Thailand. It looks like we will be here for a while now. The Thai news just confirmed the first case in our city. As of March 18, we have not been asked to stay in our homes yet, but schools and larger gatherings are canceled. I know that many of you in the States are going through even more restrictions than us. We are praying for you and trusting God for His protection and care. This crisis has made us feel even more how connected we are to you even though we are so many miles away.

On the morning of the day my Mom was buried, we had a training session with the team from Wang Tho. Afterwards, we went to Ban Kho Village where Mrs. Sai lives. She has been praying and sharing with her younger sister Pin for a while now and she was ready to be baptized. Pin began following Jesus after she was healed of a chronic eye problem. Sai and Pin have been praying for their mother who appeared to be close to death, not able to walk for a while. The doctor had said her internal organs were not working anymore and he couldn't help her. But after the sisters and some of our ministry team started praying for her she has greatly improved and has been walking. When we arrived to baptize Pin, the mother and two other older ladies were there wanting to hear more about the Lord. So we shared the gospel and everyone listened intently. They watched as we baptized Pin and everyone rejoiced with us, but no one else indicated they wanted to receive baptism and I didn't feel led to press the issue with them.

Just then, Mrs. Lian, a believer from another village, appeared with her daughter. She had come searching for us as her daughter had just gotten out of prison that very day. She had been in prison for two years under a drug charge. Actually, she had taken the fall for her brother so he wouldn't have to serve an even longer sentence. Each time Lian had visited her daughter in prison, she shared about Jesus and prayed for her. Now, her daughter wanted to start her new life out of prison by getting baptized. After she shared her story, we baptized her and she was glowing with the Lord's joy. After hearing her story the three other ladies decided they wanted to become followers of Jesus too! So we baptized them all!



Our co-worker, Brian Stubenrach, had a dream through which God revealed to him that unusual shakings were about to happen around the world, but that the result would be a great harvest. Well, we are definitely seeing a lot of unusual shakings! But I believe that God is not taken by surprise. Let's believe for a many, many people to come to Jesus around the world during this season. Let's make the most of the opportunities we have to share the hope we have in Jesus to an anxious and fearful world. (Eph. 5:15,16) Thank you for standing with us in these days. We need your daily prayers!

Thank you so much for your love and support! We love you!

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