

# Andre & Karen Provost

Transforming Lives by Multiplying  
Clusters of Communities of Believers  
across Northeast 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,**

A magnetic-like force was pulling Pa Thongpoon towards the village store for a shot of whiskey. Walking out of the entrance to his yard, he came face-to-face to Manachai and I showing up at his house for his third weekly evangelistic Bible story lesson. In brokenness he blurted out, “Do you have anything to help me? I do not want to drink anymore. Do you have something to free me from my addiction.”

Manachai, familiar with my personal testimony, glanced over to me. I too had once been an addict. It was my struggle with addiction that led me to Christ. This became our intro to the gospel story on that day. “Jesus promised to give the Holy Spirit to those who believe. When I received it, a veil was removed from my eyes revealing God to me in a powerful way, giving me the power to overcome. I had not smoked marijuana, cigarettes, or had a drink since that day.”



Pa Thongpoon’s heart was prepared, hope was now stirred up and he listened much more intently. After hearing the gospel this time, faith entered, and he wanted to submit to the Lordship of Christ. Even our explanation of undivided allegiance to Jesus as Lord requiring him to turn away from his Buddhist idol worship did not deter him. While discussing baptism by immersion, he showed us a bandaged wound on his right foot that could not get wet. So, we decided on pouring a bowl of water over him. Manachai baptized him and then we laid hands on him to receive the Holy Spirit. We are excited because Pa Thongpoon is the first believer in this Kui village of Hai Yai. We went back three days later, and he had not taken a drink since. Please keep him in your prayers. Pray that others are led to the Lord through his testimony and that a church will be birthed in Hai Yai village.

We are convinced that this turn of events happened in part because of people on the home front praying for us. Earlier this month, while talking with our pastor about the opposition we have been experiencing, he asked us if we had a dedicated prayer team who pray specifically for us while we enter these villages. We had not established such a group. Then, last Saturday, I was meeting with a men’s online Bible study group. The leader, without knowing that we were seeking volunteers to intercede for us, asked me to send them detailed prayer requests to pray over during the week. We know and are very appreciative that most of you pray regularly for the work here, but some of you may desire to receive more specific and updated prayer requests and become part of this prayer team. Since we do not want to load anybody with unsolicited emails or too many details, we will limit this intercessory team to those who

feel called to it by God. If you would like to be part of this group, please send us an email at [gaewfarang@gmail.com](mailto:gaewfarang@gmail.com) so we can make sure you get the prayer requests. We will send a weekly email highlighting the dates and the villages where we plan to visit, along with updates from the previous week.

We thank every one of you for your part in praying for us and in supporting us. We are your hands extended in this part of Northeast Thailand. Remember, the fruit of this ministry will also be added to your account in heaven.

Ambassadors for Christ,  
**Andre & Karen Provost**

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