

# 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,**

Thursday is our day for reaching out into the unchurched district of Pho Si Suwan with 24,000 people in 80 villages. Most of the time, Ms. Ying accompanies us, getting hands-on training in evangelization with our Best News stories. Now, two weeks had passed where Ms. Ying had missed her training sessions which brought on a dilemma. Mr. Rak, a lawyer from one of the villages of Pho Si Suwan, was now ready to take lesson eight. In this lesson, he would be confronted with Scriptures concerning the cost of submitting to Christ’s Lordship; and he would be challenged to make a decision. If he believed the gospel, which had been presented to him in all seven of the earlier stories, then he would be ready to submit himself to the lordship of Christ through repentance and baptism. In this lesson, the trainee is given Bible passages and stories that demonstrate submission to Christ’s Lordship. The passages are to be read or shown to the student. Because this lesson is the climax of the other lessons and my Thai reading is not that good, we were waiting for Ms. Ying’s return before we taught it. But I was also concerned that, if we did not teach this lesson at this time, we could lose momentum with Mr. Rak.

That evening, while driving to Mr. Rak’s house, I was discussing this problem with Karen. Suddenly, I remembered Pastor Manachai mentioning that a couple who attend his church happened to live in a village near to Mr. Rak’s village. Karen suggested I give him a call to see if this couple could help. As soon I pulled the car over to make the call, my phone rang. It was Pastor Manachai. I told him my dilemma. A few minutes later, he called me back. The couple would love to meet us and be glad to help us. We would find them selling Thai deserts at the farmer market on the corner near Mr. Rak’s village. We found them, introduced ourselves and then, the husband, Mr. Nimit, came along with us. We were astonished at his proficiency in finding and reading the appropriate verses to Mr. Rak. He also shared his testimony. After listening gracefully, Mr. Rak admitted that he was not ready yet, but wanted us to continue teaching him.

When we went to drop Mr. Nimit off, he invited us to their home. There, Mr. Nimit broke out with enthusiasm “We have been praying for three years for someone to come and help us start a church in our district. Just last week, I remember even praying extra hard. Then you show up! I believe you are the answer to our prayers.” Mr. Nimit and Mrs. Mai are vendors at the farmer markets which rotate from place to place. They now have decided to take Thursdays off, believing that God would provide for the loss in income, as they join Ms. Ying, Karen, and I in evangelizing their district.



Last Thursday was our first day to work together. I explained to them that our goal is to make disciples through planting communities of believers, a house church in each village. As I discussed principles of discipleship, I talked about accountability. Then, I asked them about their marriage. At that point, we discovered that their marriage was just a consensual agreement “between us and God.” So, I asked if there was anything that would hold them back from getting married officially before witnesses and they said “no.” So, that afternoon, at their house with his mom involved, we held a beautiful marriage ceremony. Then they registered the marriage at the district office and then we all celebrated together in a nice restaurant. On the way back, they thanked us for speaking into this area of their life. We are excited about what God has in store for us as we begin to work together with this couple. Please pray for God to bring a spiritual breakthrough in the villages in their District.

We are thrilled to be able to be your hands extended to these people. Thank you for your partnership in prayer and finances. May the Lord bless each one of you.

Serving Him in Northeast Thailand,

**Andre & Karen Provost**

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