

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,

After Mr. Paun, Mr. Jert and I gave a clear gospel presentation to three of Jert’s workers, I asked them what percent of what they heard do they believe. The first man, Mr. Werat, responded “80%.” Mr. Chok, the second man, answered “50%.” Mrs. Noi, the wife of Mr. Chok, exclaimed “100%!”



I had taught my workers that when a person says that they believe 100 % and are sincere, they are ready to submit to the Lordship of Christ. They have experienced God’s grace. As Peter warned the first century seekers to separate from the corruption of this world, we too are to warn our seekers. So, Paun read to Noi the scriptures written by Paul listing lifestyles which needed to be forsaken to enter the Kingdom of God. She was ready to repent. Paun also read scriptures revealing the promises of forgiveness, freedom from the slavery of sin, new life, and the Holy Spirit given to those who unite themselves to Christ in His death through baptism. Noi was now eager to get baptized. It was late and the water from the local reservoir was cold. So, she asked if we could baptize her the next day at noon.

After her baptism, Paun and I went to Jert’s house to prepare him for the next Sunday’s worship meeting. Just as we started studying, Jert’s phone rang. It was Mr. Werat. He was asking to be baptized. Jert explained, “No, we do not baptize those who believe only 80%, you must believe 100%.” He finished the conversation and hung up. A few minutes later, the phone rang again. Werat was calling back to say that he now believes 100 percent. So, we returned, another 30 minutes, back to the reservoir. There, Paun took Werat through the same verses that he taught Noi. Werat was not deterred. “I need the Holy Spirit to help me. No matter how much time I spend in meditation, I still find bad words coming out of my mouth.” Paun then baptized him.



At the next meeting, Werat testified. “Someone stole some of my customers last week. Usually I would have been very angry, but this time it didn’t bother me.” He attributed this to the new birth he experienced at baptism.

Earlier, Jert asked Paun and I to help him start a church in his village. Their first worship service was on January 4th. Paun and I modeled and assisted for the first few weeks. Now, we train Jert and Mr. Wanchai during the week. They now lead their Sunday meetings on their own. Believers are being challenged and trained to make disciples who obey Jesus’ commands. Three have already baptized their first disciples and are now training those disciples to obey Christ’s commands. Paun and I are also helping them start discovery groups in other villages. Our vision is to train disciples who make new disciples, plant churches who plant new churches, and initiate movements which start new movements. Please pray for this endeavor. Our model only puts the sails up, but the Holy Spirit is the one who brings the wind. Pray for that wind; for without it, we go nowhere.

A new missionary family from Globe has joined our team. David and Lainie Peters will start learning Thai this week. Please keep them in your prayers. We are excited to be your hands and feet to the Isan people. Thank you for allowing us to be here through your prayers and support.

Serving Him, **Andre & Karen Provost**

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