

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,

As I gazed at the photo, something seemed amiss. The entire team was gathered at one house. “What are you all doing here?” I asked Paun. “Nok and Gae can teach Mae Dtang. Why don’t you take Chai and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you to other ‘people of peace’ in the village?” Paun listened attentively.

The following week, Paun left Nok and Gae at Dtang’s house and took Chai with him on his motorcycle. The Holy Spirit led them a few blocks away, where they found a group of men chatting under a shaded tree. One of the men, Mr. Sian, enthusiastically told them how he had heard the gospel from a Seventh-Day Adventist preacher years ago. Mr. Sian believed everything he heard, but no one came back to talk more to him about it.

The next week, while I was helping Chai teach Mr. Sian the story of Noah, Paun felt the Holy Spirit nudge him to go across the street to engage with the neighbors. After he left, Nok felt the Holy Spirit nudging her to follow. Sure enough, across the street, they found another family ripe for the gospel. Within a few weeks, on a Wednesday afternoon, Chai and Nok baptized seven new believers from this village and the following Sunday, another one came to be baptized.



Team evangelizing Mae Dtang



Baptism

What excites me most is that this is in line with our vision: all our believers taking risks, engaging the lost, making disciples who make disciples, and seeing new churches being birthed which in turn plant the next generation of churches. You see, all living things are meant to reproduce. That is the focus of our work here. Our strategy follows the 1-3-9 principle: each church plants at least three churches and those churches in turn start at least three more. This can continue without stopping. It sounds simple, but it’s not. A new church must not only lead itself but also reproduce itself. To achieve this goal, we have had to restructure. No longer merely attending Sunday worship meetings is the norm, but equally important is a second weekly meeting for prayer and outreach. This meeting is not for pastors to lead but

for the apostolic or evangelistic type persons to equip and mature the believers in this aspect of service. Please pray for all our believers to grasp this vision. Please pray that those we engage will be open to the Gospel. Thank you for your prayers and support. Thank you for allowing us to be your hands extended in Thailand.

Serving Him,

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