

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,

Last October, Karen and I took a short trip to the States for her parents’ memorial service. Both had passed away within a few months of each other, and her family held a special burial service at the family plot.

As we prepared to leave Thailand, Paun asked me if I could offer another scholarship for a second worker. Chai was the perfect candidate. He and his wife, Nok, love serving the Lord. They had already started a daughter house church in a neighboring village on their Wednesday evening outreaches.

When I returned at the end of the month, I asked Paun where Chai was. “He cannot join us till after the lunch break,” Paun informed me. Chai helps his wife by washing the dishes at their restaurant after the lunch crowd departs.

At that moment, an idea came to my mind. His wife, Nok, has a fervent desire to serve God full-time and is one of our strongest believers. So, I called her, “Tomorrow is November 1st, pray and ask God if He is calling you to release the restaurant and come join our team. We need you to start tomorrow.” She prayed and it was finalized. Both Chai and Nok arrived the next morning at 9:30.

I structured their scholarships for 12 months ending on October 31, 2024. Comparing the hours of experience a pilot needs before he can fly a commercial plane, I told them that their scholarships would give them two thousand hours of missionary training to prepare them to initiate church-planting movements. Then, we will see what God does with them afterward.

I started by going out with them 2 to 3 days a week. Now their competency level has grown to a place where they are evangelizing and starting churches on their own. They have five house churches and several discovery groups. What excites me the most, is their daily practice of one hour in prayer to “stir up the flames” of spiritual fervor, and to meet with their Supreme Commander before engaging in that day’s work. House to house, village to village they continue, knowing the terror of the Lord, to persuade men of the truths of the gospel. Last week, Paun sent a photo of him baptizing a man in one of their discovery groups in a new village. Today, another image, Den, the man who was healed in the temple last July, baptizing his son. This marked the sixth baptismal ceremony Den has performed since his baptism in September.



Den baptizing his son

As we look at 2024, we see it as a year of transition. We are sensing that God is calling us to be closer to our adult children in Oregon. We have discussed this with our spiritual leaders, and they all affirm the decision. I am confident that the team will continue to bear fruit without my presence. I will also hold Zoom meetings from home with them regularly for prayer, encouragement, and accountability. Additionally, I plan to return for a short trip later this year.

The team is also encouraging me to offer my training to other Isan believers online. I can see so much potential, as it could catalyze new endeavors in more Isan provinces. Please pray as I investigate this opportunity. Pray also for the team and this new phase of the work.

As we navigate this transition, we are grateful for your continued prayers and support. We will be leaving Thailand on March 2nd and there is much packing and sorting to do before then. Thank you for standing with us in prayer during this significant period of change.

Serving the Isan people of Thailand,

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