

LET US PRAY

Chiang Mai - Thailand

Local villagers at Omkoi



This was our 2nd Christmas here in Thailand and it was wonderful. Our December started off with an invitation to a Christmas celebration in a Karen village of Omkoi. It's a three hour trek from Chiang Mai on beautiful winding and twisting roads up the mountain. The village of Omkoi is vast and is mostly populated by the Karen (a tribal group from Burma). Omkoi has over 200 smaller villages within it but all are considered a part of Omkoi. We were told that the village we were invited to has an 80 % population on Christian living in it. It was a great experience for us to see and worship along with a body of believers from this village. God is truly at work here!

Next it was off to a children home Christmas program at Baan Mae Sawan. This children home has 80 boys and 70 girls mostly from the near by hill tribe villages. The children have parents in a tribe some where up in the hills so they are not orphans but the parents choose for them to come to the home so they can get a better education. If they were to stay up in the village they would have little or no education opportunity. Our girls even got to share a couple of musical performances with the crowd and it was a big hit.

Performing Cry Out To Jesus



and they meet at a local villager's house for worship. The elderly lady that opened her house so everyone can have a place to gather every Sunday for worship was the first Christian in her village. She has a powerful testimony for what God has done in her life. What a blessing it was for us to have met this lady and attend their Christmas program.

Passing out gift bags that were made possible by the donation of Adventure Island Preschool.



Jitmaitree Church Christmas Program was beautiful. This small little church in the heart of Chiang Mai may not have a big budget production but it will be a Christmas we will never forget. The church of about 40 members was the most loving and sincere people you will ever meet. Everyone worked together to put on a dramatic Christmas program for all to enjoy. It truly felt like we were home here.



As we head into a new year here in Thailand there are so many things that we look forward to. We have learned so much in 2010. God has blessed us in so many ways and to Him we are thankful. God has a plan for our family while we serve Him here in Thailand. He directs our path, every step of the way and that's how we want it. And in 2011 we want His plan for us and our ministry to be the one thing that leads us. We have to admit it is not easy to live by FAITH, but it is great when we can be witnesses to God's faithfulness to us when we do. We pray that 2011 will be a year that you will live your life by FAITH. Faith in all things that you do and that everything you do is unto the Lord our Savior Jesus Christ. May God bless you and your family in the New Year!



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