

# Missionaries to Thailand

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“Adventures in Thailand” or “The Journal of an Old Man”—I think I prefer the first title. Buckle up, and away we go! Recently I was pruning in our front yard “jungle,” when a small black wasp hit me on the nose right between the eyes. I saw only the slightest movement and had no chance to react. Then another, which I did not see at all, struck the back of my left hand. Soon my entire hand and face were swollen. I missed Wednesday night church and Thursday soul winning, but some pharmacy meds helped, so that after about a week, all was well. Now for two years I have bragged about no sickness in Thailand—not even a common cold. Then two weeks ago, *bronchitis* hit me. That sent me to the Hua Hin Hospital to see the doctor and bring home **five** medications.

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Pastor Mark Bosje needs your prayers. Because of back problems, he was unable to preach last Sunday morning, so he asked me to preach in his absence. Though I was still weak from my bronchitis, I was delighted! The Sunday school lesson from I Samuel 3:1-15 was about Samuel’s **attentiveness**, and my 11:00 a.m. message, “**The Greatness of Jesus**,” was from Matthew 12:38-42. We had 130 in church and about 19 were saved and baptized. Brother Sakrapee took the invitation, and Brother Chad Inman took care of the baptizing. I was “wasted,” but after a three-hour rest in the afternoon, I was able to be in the evening service and enjoy Brother Chad Inman’s message. For the week there were 72 people saved! Last week in Nawong, there were approximately 900 children saved in the public schools, where some of our team family members re-enacted the Christmas Story—followed by clear preaching of the Gospel from some of our men. The children were each given Thai John and Romans booklets.

Thanks for praying for all of us: Bosjes, Shooks, Inmans, Mercers, Yarbroughs, Shari House, Arols, the Jomhongs, and other Thai staff. Please pray for land, buildings, families, preachers, churches, and a Bible college. Tim and Missy Shook are now back in the States after being here with us for a few days. Pray that they can return permanently to Thailand by the first of the summer. Pastor John Wilkerson will be with us this weekend for a few days. Pray for **vision, wisdom**, and the **will of God**.

I feel good this morning—probably 75% back to normal. I am sitting at the kitchen table studying Thai. The thoughts above raced through my mind, and I knew I needed to jot them down. A special thank you to my dear sister and brother-in-law, Dean and Jimmy Sipe. February a year ago, after eating together with our family in Hickory, North Carolina, Jim leaned on the back of my trunk and wrote a check to FBMI for us, which has paid for **three years** of language studies. Jim has helped me in the past with missions trips to Honduras, Brazil, and Thailand. In San Paulo, Brazil, I saw 150 men trust Christ in a jail service. “Give honor to whom honor is due.” That’s a lot of treasure in Heaven, Brother!

We need you all,

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*“That thy way may be known upon earth. . .”*

