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ministries



"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen." Matthew 28:19-20

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Dear supporting churches and prayer partners,

I would like to summarize our three-week travel to Thailand, beginning with Bangkok.

Bangkok (May 22-26)

Constantine, a Russian student in GBBC, shared his experiences living on the Thai-Cambodia border with a Thai family. He travelled five hours by train to meet with us. His struggles with the perception of Christianity in Russia, particularly the belief that waging war in Ukraine is a patriotic act to "cleanse the land," revealed some deep-seated conflicts he faced.



Tariq, another GBBC student, shared with us his life as a Pakistani refugee in Bangkok.



Accompanied by his wife and three children, his Pentecostal background added another layer to his story. The truths he has learned through GBBC are convicting. Desperately seeking a sponsor to immigrate to a third country, his situation reflected the broader struggles of refugees worldwide.

Although I was sick and had to stay behind (whatever day it was), Pastor Kpa Hung of the Montagnard hill tribe from central Vietnam, gave Bro. Lange opportunity to give an impromptu sermon. This occasion also served as a testing ground for using AI to facilitate translation between languages, with pleasing results. GBBC's content stored on a flash drive, revealed the far-reaching impact of the college's resources.

Udon Thani (May 26-28)

In Udon Thani, discussions with four Hmong brethren focused on the prospect of translating the Bible into White Hmong. Bearing Precious Seed Global/Global Bible Translators, guided by Stephen Zeinner, offered some guidance and potential assistance. An afternoon spent developing a ministry plan revealed that LX (an unnamed Hmong leader) would resume our Bible "college" with about 20 students from northern Laos, furthering educational opportunities in the region and the churches there.



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Chiang Mai: Technology Ministry Conference

Chiang Mai hosted a tech ministry conference, which left a lasting impression. The advancements in dubbing video lectures into multiple languages were impressive but posed significant challenges. Ongoing technological developments promise future affordability and efficiency.

Scripture Forge, a promising tool for Bible translation projects was presented that uses AI to assist translation teams by generating draft translations and facilitating back translation to ensure accuracy. This tool could revolutionize the process if a Hmong Bible translation project comes to fruition.

NextSteps, a customizable chatbot, showcased innovative applications for digital evangelism. This program could identify individuals interested in Bible studies, enhancing outreach efforts and church planting.

One of the most exciting developments was The Well Box, a device resembling an internet router, designed to provide students with offline access to educational content. Given the high cost of mobile data in many regions, this device could be a game-changer. Students could connect to The Well Box via built-in Wi-Fi to download video lectures and later go online for quizzes, significantly reducing data usage. The device could operate as a “full offline Bible College.” With students connecting wirelessly to take courses and quizzes. The self-contained system would sync with the cloud periodically to upload progress and download new content. We plan to field test the device in Africa.



We were also able to catch up with friend and missionary Nat Williams who is ministering in Chaing Rai. I could go on. There are so many potential ‘open doors’ to pray about.

Thank you for your continued support!

God bless,

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