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2015

year in review

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7 different minority groups

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10 | Tons of clothing given to the poor

150 | Led through our discipleship course

3-5 | English Corners per week

120 | Students reached through Camps

135 | College Students / Young Professionals
reached weekly

650 | Children reached, discipled, fed, and
given school supplies

60 | Burmese (scattered by war) reached
and being followed up upon



[Learn more about The Edge online](#)

THE EDGE OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

The ongoing civil war and continued political unrest in Myanmar creates a constant security issue for our local missionaries at The Edge outreach center. After seeing the immense pain caused by drugs, prostitution and poverty, discipleship and evangelism are underway, accompanied by our weekly



Our missionaries at The Edge have had their share of ups and downs in 2015, both in terms of family and ministry. But we are blessed to say that they've kept a grateful heart and worshipful spirit through it all.

Indeed, God has been good! Especially to the children of the Wa and Han minority groups.

In 2015, The Edge has been quite a source of blessing to kids, starting with the launch of a brand new children's ministry catering to 10-20 children every week. Children from the Wa tribe, known to be poorer than other tribes, have also received clothes and school bags from our missionaries, and of course, you, our vision partners. Not only that, 12 children, [whose parents are drug addicts](#), were sent to school during the last semester, with The Edge paying for their tuition fees as well as their school supplies. We're praying for more provision in order to pay for the schooling of 7 more Wa kids this coming semester. What can we say? Our family is growing!

But the sad truth really is that a lot of families in this area are [devastated by drug addiction](#), and if these kids don't get an education, as well as a knowledge of who the Father is, they're bound to repeat the same mistakes their families made. So please. Do keep the children of The Edge in your prayers.

Our missionaries at The Edge haven't just been [ministering to children](#) though. In 2015, The Edge saw the establishment of a new underground church composed of 4 families. Since July of 2015, they have also been heavily involved in youth ministries done through the network of believers in their vicinity.

They've definitely been busy! And good things have happened. However, there was also a reason for tears.

A Wa girl named Yuxiang, whose mother is a drug addict and whose dad is not a part of her life, was diagnosed with [tubercular meningitis and pulmonary infection](#). Her family, of course, wasn't capable of paying for her treatment, so our missionaries stepped in. Had they not, she would have just lived alone, waiting to die. Through the flood of help from good-hearted people and Within Reach Global vision partners, she was able to get some treatment. Unfortunately, on her third day at the hospital, [she passed away](#).

Our missionaries really struggled with the grief, asking God why it turned out this way even through all the prayers. But God is our Comforter, and He showed one of our missionaries a vision. Yuxiang was being cradled in the Father's arms, wearing beautiful clothes. She was happy. She was home. Glory to God!

Apart from this precious Wa girl, our missionaries also helped out 2 brothers from the Wa tribe. One was 20 years old; the other, 3. The younger one was born with a cleft lip. Our local missionaries were able to help him get free surgery through a charitable organization.

So there you have a summary of a year at The Edge! A bunch of happy kids. A church plant. Unity and youth on fire. A healed cleft lip. And a little Wa girl embraced by the Father. All in a day's work at The Edge outreach center.

[Learn more about this project online](#)

SURGERIES FOR SEVERE CLEFT LIP

Ministry at The Edge outreach center in Myanmar is varied. From evangelism to discipleship, Sunday school and family outreach, we have taken on a much more holistic approach in this area. It is one of the world's top regions for methamphetamine production. The effects of communities plagued with drug addiction is evident. Severe deformities due to drug abuse are common, and our local missionaries working in the area are helping mend broken lives. After finding doctors in China who were willing to perform free surgeries for children suffering from severe cleft lip deformities, we were elated. These young lives are being transformed by both the touch of God's grace and clear Christian concern from our local missionaries.

Left to right: an 11 year old girl's life is about to change with the medical care she has needed since birth; a 21 year old young man undergoes surgery for his cleft lip; a young lady with a severe birth defect struggles with her identity her whole life until she finally gets surgery.



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[Learn more about Pilot online](#)

PILOT OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

Our heart is to evangelize and disciple people in our target people group, and plant thriving churches among their communities. We desire to raise up Christian leaders and disciplers who will in turn evangelize their whole people group, neighboring tribes and beyond.



The year of 2015 started off with a bang at Pilot outreach center. The government tore down all our local missionaries' houses, as well as their church meeting places, so they had to relocate to another mountain and build new houses there.

On top of that, hospital visits were a thing this year, with one brother in particular, who seemed to have a knack for going in and out of the hospital. Still, this brother kept the faith and trusted God for healing. We continue to pray for his full recovery.

One church in a far-flung village has really been faithful, and their hunger and thirst for God grows every day. They start each day calling upon the name of the Lord before they go to work in the fields. They do the same after dinner. They regularly fellowship, studying the Bible as well as praying together.

Our missionaries have really seen change, even in spite of [the continuous persecution](#). The women, in particular, have shown courage even when their husbands threatened to kill them if they continue to gather and study the Bible together. They remain faithful to this day.

The ministry among the Yao tribe remains slow because of persecution, animism, poverty and witchcraft. The few who come to a knowledge of Him are persecuted or cast out by their family. They often cause commotion in their villages, because of how they stand up for what they believe. Holding Christian funerals instead of a traditional funeral can put our brothers and sisters under severe persecution by their neighbors and fellow villagers. But our local missionaries have been standing their ground, knowing that even in their weakness, God is strong.

This coming 2016, 3 of our local missionaries have already sat down and plotted out what they plan to do next, even as they pray for breakthrough among the Yao tribe. They plan to shift their focus towards the youth. They plan to start 2 more churches in their hometowns, beginning with family fellowships first, in hopes that this will attract more people from their village. 2 of the gathering places in the Yao mountains are quite hard to reach, but they are planning to regularly visit these places in hopes of equipping the believers there. Finally, one of our missionaries was just married and they plan to have a baby in 2016, as well as return to his wife's hometown to help in the ministry among the Hani minority group.

It's definitely going to be an exciting year ahead, with new births coming—both physically and spiritually.

*"If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it."
- John 14:14*





[Learn more about The Cliff online](#)

THE CLIFF OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

At The Cliff outreach center, we are focused primarily on meeting the physical and spiritual needs of orphans and underprivileged children from poor families. We pray that through our efforts, many children will be raised up in a godly environment that has previously never been modeled for them.

For the first 7 months of 2015, our local missionary at The Cliff did a lot of village-hopping, helping churches start Sunday schools and training local brothers and sisters to keep the children's ministries going. By the middle of July, 24 churches already had established Sunday schools, with each of these churches having approximately [100 kids each](#).

Our missionary hasn't only been focused on children, but was also able to go to these village churches and train the leaders there. Understand that these leaders are uneducated and can barely read the Bible themselves. Therefore, they have very limited knowledge when it comes to preaching and teaching at their respective fellowships. It's only because of their passion and heart for God that the people have chosen them to become their church leaders.

Our local missionary at The Cliff outreach center was instrumental in going through the basics of our Christian walk with these leaders, helping them to use God's word in order to equip their church.

In August, our missionary's focus shifted from [the mountainous villages](#) to the churches downtown. She continued to follow her heart's desire to share the gospel to children and young people, and lead them to the Lord. Because they had a new church building established in the downtown area, some of the kids who lived there were able to join the weekly Sunday schools. [These kids are little warriors](#), active in sharing the gospel and helping homeless people. Some of them even know God's word better than adults! They use every gift they have in order to serve the Lord, and they'd been a big source of help and comfort to our missionary, who has always had a heart for children.

With the newly available facilities, God also led our missionary to [start a youth ministry](#). She went to many different middle schools to invite students to the church. Now, about 20-70 students come on a weekly basis. Two-thirds of them had never heard of Jesus before, but they continued to come because of the fellowship. They even invite their friends to join. After a while, they began to have an understanding of the truth. A lot of them now believe in Jesus. These students are far away from home, and there's the possibility that they would waste their time in internet bars or arcades. They could go down the wrong path. But God has been guiding them to come to the church, to know the truth, to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord, and have the eternal life.

Our missionary also started a Bible class, which involved 2 days of teaching every week. The class had about 40 students, who underwent the Good News Series. Simple English was also taught in these classes. Through the study, chains of sin were broken, and the students desired more of the word of God. They learned how to have devotions or quiet time with the Lord. They were also trained to serve in the church every weekend. A lot of them already have the desire to step into the mission field, serve God, and carry their crosses to follow him.

To say that 2015 was a very busy and productive year for our young missionary at The Cliff is an understatement, but whenever we see her, we see such peace and joy in her. She has indeed been a blessing, not only at The Cliff, but to the rest of us. Throughout all this, she had been facing a lot of persecution, but God's power and presence have continued to manifest in her life. We are excited to see how The Cliff will be blessed and expand even more this coming 2016!



[Learn more about 26 Tribes online](#)

26 TRIBES OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

Through the concerted efforts of indigenous missionaries and local Chinese churches, our heart is to inspire people to adopt unreached people groups, and commit to a focused vision of seeing the name of Jesus established among them.



Our missionaries at 26 Tribes have been busy at work in the first half of 2015 as they led regular church meetings every weekend among the Kemu and Lahu tribes.

Come the second half of the year, they received reinforcements via another [one of our missionaries](#) from another outreach center. Together, they started a 3 day training joined by 40 brothers and sisters.

From August to September, new life was happening in both the natural and spiritual realms as our missionaries had their second child. During this time, missionaries they had trained took over leading the church meetings and following up on new believers.

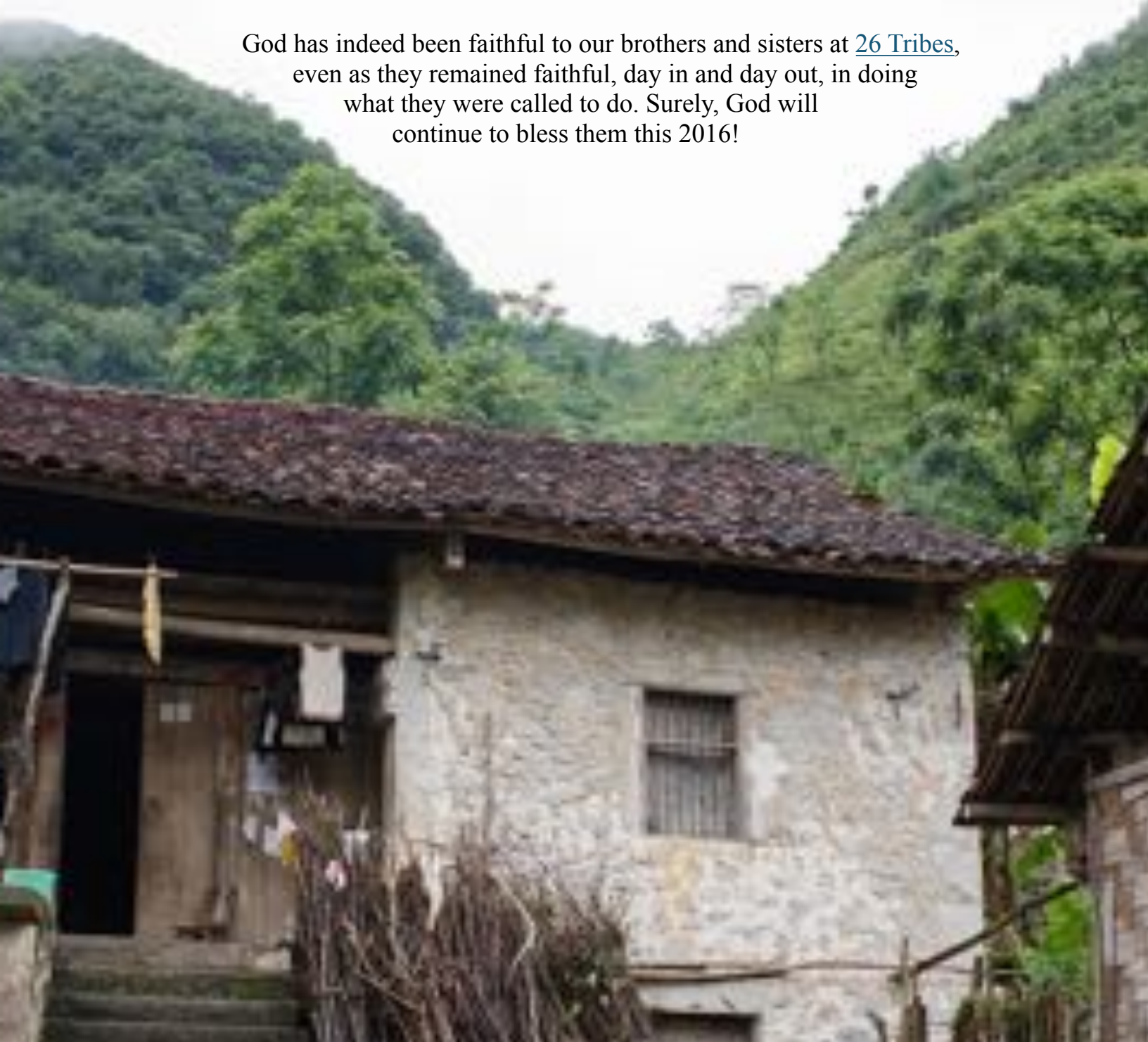
From October to November, our local missionary couple travelled to another area in order to follow up and disciple brethren from different villages. They also resumed lead of several church meetings. Here, they gave out blankets and clothes to the poor people, because of the chilly weather.

About 50 to 60 people benefited from their help. Some of these people were Burmese war refugees from Myanmar experiencing unrest. Others were villagers whom they used to visit and minister to.

They also ministered to over 50 kids, and plan to start a children's church this 2016.

During Christmas time, they sent out Christmas gifts, courtesy of the ministry of the Voice of the Martyrs, to children from both the villages and the cities. A total of over 60 kids received shoes and school supplies.

God has indeed been faithful to our brothers and sisters at [26 Tribes](#), even as they remained faithful, day in and day out, in doing what they were called to do. Surely, God will continue to bless them this 2016!



VOICE OF THE MARTYRS SCHOOL BAGS

In December, we were honored that the Voice of the Martyrs donated 600 backpacks for Within Reach Global to give to underprivileged children at our outreach centers in China! We passed the gifts out during Christmas, and whole communities were blessed.

Top left to bottom right: group of children at 26 Tribes Outreach Center; Yi minority boy with his new bag; kids at The Edge Outreach Center; Wa minority girl; Kids at The Cliff Outreach Center; girl reading her new books; young orphans worshipping; contents of the gift bag.





[Learn more about The Hub online](#)

THE HUB OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

We are zeroed in on sharing the Christian gospel message with college students and young professionals, training and discipling them one on one, and raising up a generation who will take the message of hope to their respective families and villages.



The Hub outreach center has been, well, a hub, to our foreign missionaries, and it has had its share of growth and challenges in 2015. Transitions, [new births](#), shiftings and alignments. It has been quite a ride!

One of the highlights of this year was the Hub Church. After years of prayer, the team was finally able to start an underground church at The Hub. They found great joy seeing former students, who were attending English Corners before, join this church.

The Hub Church did present more challenges than expected, but [the team remains optimistic](#). God was faithful to provide the right people at the right time to handle the church every Sunday, and even as they foresee transitions happening this coming year, they keep trusting God to fulfill the vision that he placed in their hearts. The Hub Church will thrive under the leadership of local believers! We will see it happen!

A team of foreign missionaries at The Hub was also able to visit 2 villages that belong to The Cliff outreach center. Talk about a wild ride! The Cliff lives up to its name, because there were certainly some steep, death-defying cliffs out there! But all was good, because the team was able to give out school bags packed with various school supplies to over 60 kids. The Father heart of God was a common theme that ran throughout the whole trip as the team shared his love to both children and adults, ministering to about 400 individuals in the village.

Each member of the team left with a burdened and prayerful heart for The Cliff. It is indeed heart-breaking when you see a flock without a shepherd. Many of the villages at The Cliff have remained as Christians out of tradition. They came upon a knowledge of the Lord, because of the foundation established by missionaries a century ago, but over the years, without anyone to pastor them, the gospel has been watered down to religion. This makes the work being done by our missionary at The Cliff all the more important, but we do need your prayers! Keep praying for our brothers and sisters at The Cliff!

One activity that The Hub team looks forward to every year is the English Camp, which is often held during the Labor Day holiday in order to host as many students as possible. This year, over 120 local Chinese joined the camp. Friends from the Philippines and America also joined the fun. They formed 2 short term teams that left long term impact as they shared the word to campers whose hearts were open. These short term teams are a huge blessing to our missionaries and the work being done at The Hub, because they were able to build relationships and maintain them even after returning to their homelands.

[English Camps](#) are a great opportunity to connect to the students and young professionals, who join the English Corners and Saturday Dinners at The Hub, in a more intentional and focused discipleship. English Camps are tilling grounds that help prepare the hearts of students for planting seeds of the gospel.

The Hub has had its share of trials this year, but our God is the Great Conqueror. We are excited to see what he will do in 2016 as we host more teams and remain faithful doing the work he has called us to do!





[Learn more about The Bridge online](#)

THE BRIDGE OUTREACH CENTER

OUTREACH DETAILS

Our passion is to raise up mature Christian leaders, disciple them in their faith, and send them back to their cities and hometowns armed with the tools to effectively share the gospel to their families and communities.



The Bridge is alive!

After 3 years of holding English Corners at the University Town, we finally have a student center in this area. Ever since the student center was started, students have been flooding in from various surrounding universities. Sometimes, it's to [join English Corners](#). Other times, it's to simply hang out with our missionaries there. The Bridge student center is strategically located, because it is right smack dab in the middle of 8 huge universities with a total over over 120,000 students. These universities host students from all over China, a lot of the students belonging to unreached minority groups that would be hard for our foreign missionaries to reach otherwise. Thus, [our foreign team](#) has been able to take advantage of China's grand urban migration, and are reaching out to multiple students from various minority groups on a weekly basis.

Through English Corners involving games and interactive group discussions, we are able to tackle life issues, culture, traditions, and moral living. These discussions are key to getting a peek into the heart of these students, and gauge who is open to the gospel. It has opened many doors for us to share the message of salvation to them in a more intimate and intentional way.

The ministry at The Bridge is definitely very student-centric. There are 3 English Corners being held every week in different locations. That's nearly 100 students each week. For security reasons, one English Corner had to stop, but the team believes that in God's perfect time, it will be reopened again.

Apart from English Corners, The Bridge has Saturday Evangelistic Dinners every week. 12 to 15 students come to this meeting regularly. One of them has already come to know Christ and is undergoing discipleship. The other students are becoming more and more open to the gospel and are very close to surrendering their lives to God.

Another way the team is reaching out to these Chinese students is to invite them to get involved in the work being done in a local orphanage. It's a great way for them to not only feel valuable, but also to see the Father's love in action.

2015 was quite a fun time at the orphanage! There's been games, face painting, balloon and bracelet making, and a lot of arts and crafts.

Local Chinese underground churches have also been very generous in donating to the work being done at the orphanage, blessing the children with new bags, school supplies and new shoes before the opening of the school year. The orphans were also able to visit the best wildlife zoo in the city and have a whole day of fun at the water park.

There's a lot to look forward to this 2016 with the work being done at The Bridge, both with the students and the orphans. The team is optimistic that we will see more students come to a relationship with Jesus very, very soon!



THAILAND

OUTREACH DETAILS

We have a passion to bring the gospel message to the Thai people through relevant means. Partnering with local Christians, foreign missionaries and ministries, we desire to grow the Church among college students and ethnic tribes.

A century. One. Hundred. Years. That's how long missionaries from all parts of the world have been going to Thailand.

How many Christians do we now have in Thailand? Less than 1% of its population.

What?! We know, right? It's cray-cray.

But before you stomp your foot, plant your hands on your hips and indignantly ask, "What have these missionaries been doing?!", please understand that we're not just soaking in Thailand's tropical sun in an attempt to get a good tan. There is a real battle here.

Here's the thing: To be a Thai is to be Buddhist.

As in the parable of the sower, trying to share the gospel here is like planting on stone paths. There's a lot of tilling, a lot of cultivating to be done, and sometimes, it feels like we need jackhammers to clear out these stone paths and turn them into good soil, but we're not giving up!

Slowly, we've been cultivating hard ground in order for hearts to be open to who the One True God is. It's not enough to be "good" or religious, or to be faithful in serving a false god. They need to know the unconditional love of the One who died for them.

So how have we made like farmers and gone off tilling and sowing on these hardened hearts?

First off, we were really challenged after we attended a local conference that focused on how to increase the number of Christians to at least 5% by 2020. This conference included mainly Thai believers.

We've also begun to be more involved in Body of Christ prayer movements for Southeast Asia, as well as partnering with more missions organizations, with the goal of bringing more fruits, tilling the hard grounds and bringing more missionaries into the 10/40 Window.

Language has also been quite an obstacle, so we've been hard at work learning Thai, so that we could minister to the locals in a more effective way.

And yes, we've actually formed great friendships with locals, and we are seeing changes in peoples' lives as we do lifestyle evangelism and discipleship. One of the miracles we have seen is that Jesus himself has revealed his Lordship to them through dreams and impressions. One of our missionaries was able to pray with her Thai teacher to receive the Lord! Salvations have taken place with teary prayers of surrendering their lives to Jesus. And we always happen to be there at the right place and at the right time. These are surely divine appointments!

So yes, there are a lot of challenges, but we remain confident that we will see God reign and be glorified in this country. Hallelujah!



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