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Thailand

Thailand is a Southeast Asian country known for its tropical beaches, opulent royal palaces, and ancient ruins. The population is approximately 69.8 million and the official language is Thai. The Church of the Nazarene was able to begin work in Thailand in 1989 as a result of the generous giving of the Japan District Church of the Nazarene. The two missionary families who started the work were Michael and Rachel McCarty and Richard and Jean Knox. The Thailand District was organized in 1990 with two churches: Bangkok First Church and the Khmer Church in Surin (which later dissolved when refugees returned to Cambodia). The church currently has several projects in Thailand, one of which is The Baan Jai Di (House of Good Heart) Children's Center in Korat. The center exists to bring hope to families and children in one of the most unreached areas of the world. The primary goal of Baan Jai Di is to provide opportunities for children and youth to learn about God through activities, fellowship, and fun. By providing after-school homework clubs, tutoring lessons, and kids' camps, all centered around God's Word, Baan Jai Di is bringing the light of Jesus into a previously unreached part of the world.



2,264 Members



31 Fully Organized Churches and 8 Not Yet Fully Organized Churches



29 District Licensed and 17 Ordained Ministers



14 Missionaries serving in Thailand

PRAYER



- Pray for continued outreach amongst Thais in Northern Thailand through church planting efforts in the hill tribe villages.
- Pray for the multiple JESUS Film locations around Bangkok and that God will use this ministry to grow the church in new areas of the city.
- Pray for the Thailand District as they move forward with the goal of purchasing land near the Baan Jai Di ministry area.



PRAISE

- We praise God that a recent Work & Witness team was able to bring four suitcases full of school supplies. These School Pal-Packs were put to good use in various locations of ministry around the Thailand District.
- We praise God for a two-day event called “Celebrating Families.” This training was coordinated through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) and World Vision.



School of Promise helps students thrive in this new normal



Students around the world were some of the most affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Most schools adapted to online learning because of lockdowns and social distancing. While there are schools that have returned to in-person classes, there are still many who are studying online.

This is also the situation with School of Promise. School of Promise is a small Christian school based in Chiang Mai, Thailand. Because of the surge of COVID-19 cases in the area, students spent the rest of the school year (2021-2022) studying online. The school provided the resources for the students to join the virtual classrooms, yet the students still faced other significant obstacles.

Bree* just completed 8th grade. She has been studying at the School of Promise since she was 7 years old. “Everything was going great until COVID-19 came,” she shares. “The school needed to close and turn to online learning. After that, everything changed. I had a hard time adapting to the online class. It was really hard to manage my time wisely,” Bree added. This situation left Bree and other students feeling stressed and restless. She also felt misunderstood because she has to spend more time doing her homework instead of spending time with her family.

Bree was determined to solve her problems in school. So, she decided that she will change, adapt, and make a new schedule based on her current situation. She struggled in the first few days and many of her plans failed many times, but she did not give up. During the start of the online class, Bree always felt worried and tired. Now is well adjusted because of her determination and perseverance. She was able to solve her problems and make her situation better.

Bree is only one of the students that have been impacted by the ministry of School of Promise. The school has been a huge influence on her life. As she learns from the teachers and volunteers as a translator in the Promise Church (a church that meets on the campus), she has been able to learn the values of excellence, giving your best in everything that you do, helpfulness, and diligence. These traits helped her overcome the difficulties that she and other students are facing in this challenging time.

School of Promise is a small Christian school, but they have a huge goal to provide students with a high-quality Christian education while also creating a space where students can be disciplined and learn about God. About half of the students in the school come from backgrounds where they are at risk of being trafficked or suffering from other poverty-related difficulties. The teachers and staff of the School of Promise hope and pray that they will be able to help and equip the students for the future to live into their God-given potential.

*Name has been changed for security purposes

-Story contributed by missionary [Angelina Jones](#), currently serving as a teacher at the School of Promise in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

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