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Newsletter from Nico and Roxanne van Zyl



Greetings in the wonderful Name of Jesus Christ.

"And what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 2:2, 3).

In the past two months, Matt and I had the privilege to conduct four workshops, 2 in Chiang Rai, where we completed Workshop 3, and 2 in Mai Ai, where we completed Workshops 3 and 4. We also gave 11 pastors certificates of completion of our workshops in Mai Ai. Although we started with 42 pastors, and many fell away during our training, the last two workshops, we had about 24

pastors on average present at a workshop. In Chiang Rai our group is smaller, and we hope to finish Workshop 4 at the beginning of September. We also intend to do two more workshops with the group in Mae Ai in August and October (on Bible interpretation, pastoral ministry and the doctrine of Scripture). Workshops 3 and 4 deal with the topics "Trusting God" and "Serving God", and various topics are covered, including relationships in the family and ethical topics, including what God says about abortion, sickness, death, sexual immorality, divorce, money, etc. In Workshop 4 we deal with the offices of the church, its various ministries and general Christian behaviour, including evangelism, hospitality, giving and other topics. We received encouraging feedback from the groups and had good interaction during many of the sessions. We already had two more requests to start two new groups in Thailand. We hope to start those groups in 2026. We are grateful to God for our translators, Moses in Mae Ai and Achi in Chiang Rai, who are working hard alongside us. It was a bit of a surprise to me to come to know that many churches of the pastors at our workshops in Mae Ai don't have a Bible study, prayer meeting or an adult Sunday school at their churches, and many also don't have a men's, women's or children's ministry. I encouraged them to start these, and we pray that more teaching would take place where they could teach the TTPI material. Here are some of the questions that were asked:

- What does the book of Revelation mean when it says the tree of life in the new heavens will give healing to the nations if there is no sin in heaven?
- Why can't women be pastors if they have received the Holy Spirit?

I have heard encouraging reports from India of men who are teaching our material at their churches. God willing, I hope to visit India again in September and conduct two more workshops with the groups I started in April. I have also received another request in Andhra Pradesh, India, to come and teach at a Bible school. Please pray for a group of Christians who have been driven from their homes because of their faith in Odisha state, India. My contact in Odissa, India has informed me of this. Also, I receive constant requests from a pastor in India to help orphans and widows with food necessities. Please pray:

- That the teaching of TTPI would be received and be passed on to others in those respective churches and that the Holy Spirit would make the word of God effective in the lives of those who come.
- Pray for our next workshops in Mae Ai and Chiang Rai in the next two months.
- TTPI missionaries have to cover food for the pastors and travelling expenses for ourselves. Please continue to pray that God would provide in these, that we can continue God's work. My India trip will cost roughly $2500.
- Please pray for persecuted believers in India. If you would like to send a gift towards helping, or helping orphans or widows with daily necessities, please let me know.

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Me teaching in Mae Ai.



Group in Chiang Rai

Sovereign Grace Fellowship

We are excited to announce that we will formally constitute a Reformed Baptist Church on 3 August 2026. Lindo, one of our elders at Birchleigh Baptist Church, Kempton Park, is flying to Chiang Rai for the occasion and an elder of a Reformed Baptist church in Georgia, USA, that Matt knows will also be joining us. We have completed our membership classes, and Matt and I will conduct membership interviews this month. We are planting an English church but also plan to start a Thai Bible study soon, with services in Thai coming soon. Our church essentially will minister to English speakers and Thai speakers in the future. We currently have about 10 Christians coming to our services and hope to constitute with them. We have started, in addition to our worship services, a weekly prayer meeting as well as a Bible Hour/Study on a Sunday and a Sunday School for kids. We plan to adopt a constitution (document formulating our purpose and services) during our constitution and the 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith as our statement of faith, and then covenant together as a church on the 3rd of August. Matt is teaching through Titus, and I am going through a series on Matthew 21-25, about the coming of the Son of Man. Our messages are recorded and can be listened to at www.sovereigngracefellowship.net.

Please pray:

- For our interviews with prospective members of SGF. That God would give Matt and me discernment of who needs to be members of our church.
- Pray for Matt's and my teaching ministry, that God would grow and edify his body and use the preaching of his word to strengthen us.
- Pray for unity among us in the essentials, and that we would not major on the minors. Pray that we would indeed be a community of faith where the love of Christ and speaking the truth in love would be evident among us.
- Pray that God would draw new believers and unbelievers to our church.

At theHomefront





The last two months have been eventful, to say the least. We moved house in Chiang Rai and have settled into our new home. We did this to save some money in the long run. Our new house is smaller but cosier. Also, we had to do two visa runs; we had to go to Malaysia to apply for our new educational visas. We received them online only in Thailand and then had to go to Laos for two days this week and re-enter Thailand to make them valid. But in the process we saw some beautiful sights in Malaysia. We took Nicolas to the dinosaur park in Penang and also walked around a skyscraper in one of the high buildings in Penang and visited an aquarium. Nicolas had his first tuk-tuk ride as we crossed into Laos, and with all of this, we are again legit for another year in Thailand. Nicolas also enjoyed a holiday Bible club at a Christian school in Chiang Rai for a week, and we had a small break from our language school. Our language study is coming along, and we are pleasantly surprised at how many words and phrases we can remember in Thai. Nicolas can also count to twenty in Thai! Roxanne is soon to resume home schooling with Nicolas again, and we are studying the Thai language.

- Please pray that we continue to improve and practise what we learn in Thai.
- Please continue that we prioritise our devotional times with God alone, and our family devotions.
- Please pray for continued spiritual protection and growth in godliness and grace.

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Grace and peace to you all.

Nico, Roxanne and Nicolas