



TIMOTHY TWO Project International

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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).

2025 has been an eventful year for my co-worker Matt Jenson and me in Thailand. We started this year with a new group in Mae Ai, where we completed 6 workshops over the course of the year. We worked there with Lahu and Lisu pastors, tribal groups that are scattered across Myanmar, Laos, Thailand and South China. They don't have a homeland, and many of these pastors are subsistence farmers and illiterate. They have no Bible commentaries, nor study Bibles in their languages, and were grateful for the teaching and translated workbooks they received from Timothy Two. In our last workshop one of the attendants, who is a new convert and attended our previous workshop, wanted me to baptise him. His pastor, who also attended and suggested it, gave his consent, and a group of us went to the river at the end of the day and experienced this joyous occasion. I was reminded of the Scripture in Luke 15:10, “There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner that repents.” Pastor

Wichai requested us to come next year to do more trainings and directed us also to another group in Laos next year that wants training. We plan to start with this group in 2026. The group in Mae Ai graduated, and we believe that one of them has the potential to be an NMP in the future.



We also completed a group in Chiang Rai, where we live. They completed the four TTPI workbooks in October. We believe there is also a potential NMP in this group. By the grace of God, Matt and I constituted a new confessional, Reformed Baptist church in August of this year. Two pastors came down for the occasion, one from South Africa, my sending church, and one from the USA. We are grateful to God for bringing us to this point. We are excited to see what God wants to do through Sovereign Grace Fellowship. We constituted with ten members and hope to reach and make disciples from here. The building that we rent is suitable for doing many workshops in the future (we did workshops in Chiang Rai at this building) with a place for pastors to stay for a few days.

There is a saying among Christians, “Where God guides, God provides.” I experienced this firsthand, not only in my family moving to Thailand in 2024, but also in doing two trips to India this year. I received invitations to go and train pastors in three locations, and God provided funds for me to go. Thus far I have completed two workbooks in Rayagada, Odisha state, and I am busy with two other groups in Andhra Pradesh. The people are very hospitable and welcoming, and one pastor, Jeebit, told me he wants to take the material to every district, God willing, in Odisha. What strikes me, again and again, is that these pastors are willing to count the cost in hostile areas, where persecution is prevalent, and also to work in God’s vineyard with minimal support and funds. We had to move our location for the workshop in

Odisha in October because the authorities saw a foreigner (me) during the Sunday service at their church and called the local pastor. The authorities are hostile towards the Christians, especially in Odisha state. Jeebit also told me this year of a group of Christians he visited who have been driven from their village because of their faith. Please keep such in your prayers.



Also, my translator (John) and contact in Andhra Pradesh in Eluru is excited about the teachings and wants to teach the material in many places in Andhra Pradesh. From this group I have heard that they are already teaching workbook 1, on the doctrine of God, in their local churches. My interactions with these men have been edifying and have given me hope that the gospel will be proclaimed in more places in India. I plan to go to India next year again to complete the workbooks with these groups. The group in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, have pleaded with me to help with orphans in their area and also to come again. What stands out for me in 2025 in training these men is their hunger and thirst for the word of God and their enthusiasm when hearing the truth of Scripture. People come from rural areas every day to listen to the teaching and seem captivated with the gospel of our glorious God. I thank God that the good work He starts in every believer he will complete with his sovereign power and presence in Christ (Phil 1:6). Sola Deo Gloria.

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Thanks again for all the churches and individuals who support our work in Thailand and with other workshops in India. One of the aims of Timothy Two is to identify national partners who can also do these workshops after we are done with our “curriculum”, the four workbooks, “Knowing God”, “Loving God”, “Trusting God” and “Serving God”. Once we have identified able men, we would like to help them in the same way, to financially afford doing workshops as well. Please pray that we will be able to find such men in India and Thailand. We also have a general fund to help these men.

Sovereign Grace Fellowship

Since our church only in August we added two more members at our church. We plan to do a carol singing service in December with another church. Matt was gone in October and parts of November which afforded me more time to preach. I finished Matthew 24 and taking on Matthew 25. Matt is still doing a series in Titus. Next year we want to start a new series in Genesis and during our Bible hour we want to go through the 1689 Baptist Confession. We also plan to start with evangelistic outreaches next year. We also had our first members meeting in October. Our sermons can be listened to here: www.sovereigngracefellowship.net. Matt started a Thai Bible study and we hope that would grow in the future. Pray that God would be drawing believers and unbelievers to our church. Pray that God be glorified in all we do and say

At the Home front



Well, we have a reader! Nicolas is now reading short books and even wants to read bedtime stories to us! He is also getting better at speaking Thai and even uses it as he plays! We are very proud of him. Also, he has started going to Jiu-jitsu classes several times a week and is loving it! Speaking of Nicolas... He wants to tell you that he likes to go to McDonalds, but sometimes we don't go. He also wants you to know that sometimes he plays games with Phii (aunt) Naleh (his babysitter) and Phii Muuy (his Thai tutor) and they play together. Nicolas and I (Roxanne) continue to homeschool and he is doing great. I am thankful for this time with him. Please pray with us about whether or not we should continue homeschooling or send him to a school in this area. We had such a great time with our family in South Africa earlier this year and are looking forward to seeing family in Texas soon. I am so thankful that this is just a visit! The last two trips were for my parent's funerals. We will be in the Houston area and are looking forward to a relaxing time! I know that Nicolas will be thoroughly spoiled!! We hope you had a great Thanksgiving and that you were able to spend it with those you love. We were able to do just that here in Thailand, only not on Thursday--it's a normal school/work day here. We celebrated twice and are very blessed to be able to have friends and church family with whom we can celebrate...and eat WAY too much! Next week is Roxanne's birthday and we plan to celebrate it and having her favorite burger — Please pray that we continue to improve and practise what we learn in Thai.

พระเจ้าอวยพร (God bless you) Grace and peace to you all. Nico, Roxanne and Nicolas