



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).

In August we had visitors from the States and South Africa. Matt was sick for a while, so Pastor Andrew McCaskill and I did a workshop in Chiang Rai. Our topic was on: Serving God in the church and the ministries in the church. God willing we will complete Workbook 4 of the Timothy Two material, and each of the 8 delegates and pastors will receive a certificate of attendance. Matt and I also did another workshop in Mae Ai in August, and our topic was on principles of Bible interpretation (hermeneutics). At the end of September we will do our last workshop in Mae Ai this year on the topic “The Biblical Pastor as a Good Shepherd”. Jesus told us in Matthew 28:18-20 to go and make disciples of all nations and to teach them to observe all that He commanded us.

This is what Timothy Two Project International, our mission organisation, intends to do: to provide basic theological education to pastors around the developing world, to pastors that can't afford or do not have the means to go to Bible colleges. These workshops we do also provide opportunities to build relationships with pastors and encourage them in the faith and preach the gospel. We have times of interaction and reflection during each hour session so we can make sure that the pastors and delegates understand each teaching. In Mae Ai, where we work among the Lahu and Lisu groups, they don't have theological books to study. They have the Bible translated, but the Timothy Two workbooks we translate into Lahu and also into Thai for the group in Chiang Rai provide a sort of systematic theology the pastors can go back to to make use of in their ministries. There are no study Bibles or commentaries available in the Lahu and Lisu languages that we know of. I was encouraged that some of the delegates at the Chiang Rai Workshop told us that they have women's and men's ministries at their churches and Sunday schools for children. We emphasised that parents are the primary "children's workers" in their children's lives. This truth, that parents ought to teach their children the Bible, came as a surprise to many, and we encouraged the pastors to be serious about installing family devotions at their homes and to encourage their members to do the same.

I am grateful to God for the funds that have been provided for me to go to India next month. I still need about \$500 to cover my expenses. I am planning to go to the same two groups in Odisha state and in Andhra Pradesh when I visited in April this year. I also was invited to go to another location in Andhra Pradesh to train pastors and preach at two evangelistic events. There was in fact another request as well to go, but I can only take two weeks off. I am excited to go again to minister in India. There are many open doors there. At our workshops we provide lunches for the delegates and also workbooks. All our travel expenses come out of our own funds.

- Pray for our next workshops in Mae Ai and Chiang Rai in September and October.
- Thank God for the funds that were provided to go to India. Thank God that I already got my visa in time and for all the logistical and travel arrangements.
- Please pray for the persecuted believers in India. If you would like to send a gift towards helping, please let me know.
- With Timothy Two we also provide Bibles to delegates at our workshops. Please pray these Bibles we distribute would be used.
- Pray that pastors would be helped and encouraged to rightly divide the word of truth.

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https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/Timothy_Two_Van_Zyl Also: www.timothytwo.org

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.



Covenanting in Chiang Rai at SGF.



Being installed as pastors at SGF

Sovereign Grace Fellowship

On the 3rd of August, after membership interviews, we formally constituted a Reformed Baptist church in Chiang Rai. We had the joy of having Pastor Lindo Ndlovo from Birchleigh Baptist Church (our home church) and Pastor Andrew McCaskill from Emmanuel Baptist Church with us on this wonderful day. 8 members covenanted together, as we adopted a constitution for our church and the 1689 Confession as our confession. 2 more members will, God willing, join us in the coming months. We are elated to be together and preach the gospel in Chiang Rai. We constituted an English-speaking church but hope to constitute a Thai-speaking church in due time. Matt Jenson and I were received and inducted as the two pastors of our church. Matt has already started a Thai Bible study. Currently we are going through the Timothy Two material at our Adult Sunday School. Roxanne and Courtney are doing Sunday School with the kids, and we also have a prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. We were overjoyed to have our first communion on the 3rd of August as well. Our sermons are recorded and can be listened to at www.sovereigngracefellowship.net. Please pray:

- For the 8 members of Sovereign Grace Fellowship to be devoted to the word, fellowship, prayers and the Lord's Supper.
- 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 that we would preserve the unity among us in the bond of peace. 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 the Homefront



Nicolas with his grandparents



Because Nicolas got a tourist visa instead of a non-immigrant visa, we decided to go to South Africa and reapply. By God's grace he received it a week ago. Roxanne also got her permanent residency in South Africa, and we had to go to South Africa to validate it. This turn of events also coincided with the yearly Sola5 conference, and we took the opportunity to visit our home church, Birchleigh Baptist Church, and Kempton Park Baptist Church and give feedback about our work in Thailand. It was wonderful to see our church family. We also went to Bloemfontein to visit my parents and Nicolas' grandparents and my brother and sister and extended family. While in South Africa we kept on with learning Thai online. Roxanne and I have now started formally to read and write Thai.

- 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