



# TIMOTHY TWO Project International

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Newsletter from Nico and Roxanne van Zyl**



“Let the people praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you” (Psalm 67:5).

Greetings in the glorious name of Jesus Christ.

At the end of January, Roxanne, Nicolas, and I drove to Mae Ai, about 100 km north of Chiang Rai. We spent four days there while I was teaching a workshop on the attributes of God to a group of 36 Lisu and Lahu pastors and preachers. It was a wonderful opportunity to teach and preach on the doctrine of God. We held the workshop at, and now known as Grace and Peace Baptist Church (formerly known as Sovereign Grace Baptist Foundation). Wichai and Moses are the elders there, and the church was established in November last year. American missionaries Paul and Susan Brown started this foundation, and Paul had been training these men for many years. He sadly passed

away last year due to a motorcycle accident. Susan has decided to still stay here and support the church and various ministries. They have 9 children and teenagers they also care for at the premises. Susan told me that many of these pastors don't have a high school education or any formal theological education. So, in God's providence last year we heard they wanted to continue the monthly trainings they used to have, and we offered to help out. We had good engagement with this group. Some of the questions and comments were:

- a) If God is omnipotent, why did He not prevent Adam and Eve from sinning?
- b) You said that God is unchangeable; if that be true, how do we understand the fact that the Bible says in Genesis that God regretted that He made man?
- c) We should remember that God is true to his word in keeping his people and judging those who would not live and obey him.

During each session (we had 21 hour-long sessions), we allowed time for the delegates to give feedback and asked them what illustrations, examples, or texts they would use to explain the specific doctrine. These were some good feedback on these. We already have two more groups asking for us to do workshops.



The group of Lahu and Lisu pastors in Mae. Teaching in Mae Ai

### **Sovereign Grace Fellowship**

Matt and I have continued to preach at our new formed fellowship. We have a few families and individuals who attend our services. Matt and I are currently working through the book of Colossians. Our messages can be listened to here: [www.sovereigngracefellowship.net](http://www.sovereigngracefellowship.net) . We recently found a venue (we are currently meeting at our homes) and also hoping to constitute the church this year. We are planning to add a Bible Study and prayer meeting soon as well. Our rent is only about \$240 a month (8000 Thai Bhat). We also hope to do Workshops here with TTPI. The

venue has three levels, so we can use some of the rooms as a cry room, office and for Sunday School. If you would like to partner in furnishing the venue with chairs and tables see the link below.



Our next workshop in Mae Ai is the second last week of February, and in Chiang Rai, the last week of February. Although the cost for the workshops is not too high, some of these we have to cover. If you would like to partner in this work of training pastors in Thailand and in this area of the world, please see the link below. Also, I plan to go to India in April to start a group there as well. For the first workshop in India, it will cost about \$2000.

To donate to our work in Thailand go here:

[https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/Timothy\\_Two/Van\\_Zyl](https://app.aplos.com/aws/give/Timothy_Two/Van_Zyl)

### **At the Homefront.**

Roxanne and I are continuing to slog it out in learning Thai. Every day we are learning more and are gaining more and more understanding. We are grateful to God for the opportunities we have to be in Thailand and learn Thai and make friends with foreigners in Thailand and with the Thai and people in other people groups. We thank God for you and your partnership in the gospel, for every church and individual who support us financially and by prayer; may God bless you and supply every need of yours in Christ Jesus our Lord (Philippians 4:19).

### **Praise and Prayer requests:**

- We thank God for the two good workshops we had in Chiang Rai and Mae Ai
- We thank God for each supporter and partner in our ministry
- We thank God for our fellowship and those we reach with the gospel
- Pray that the seed we sow would bear a harvest
- Pray that Roxanne, Nicolas and I as we continue learning Thai and get practice.
- Thank God that we got an affordable and suitable place for our church and host Workshops in Chiang Rai.