



THE ETHNIC THAI PEOPLE OF THAILAND

M&V NewsletterBy all possible means, we might save some. 1 May 2017

Dear friends and partners in Ministry

Trust the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus has renewed and revived afresh the Hope we have in Him.

WATER & BLESSINGS Easter this year coincided with the Thai New Year and Songkran festival where water is used in various activities during the period for the purpose



of cleansing, paying respect and receiving blessings from elders (*rot naam dam hua*) and for communal bonding in fun ways. Some believers in Baan Sa used the occasion to invite their family in the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection and also pay respect and honour to them through the ceremony of *rot naam dam hua* (See pic).



The Blacks

and us went to a similar meeting with Ot's family and were invited to join in this ceremony that the village had for their Headman and other leaders. Water is a symbol of



cleansing in many faiths of the world. But even more so for us . **Please pray that people will have a yearning for the Water (Spirit Jn.4) that Jesus has and is offering to all who want to quench their spiritual thirst.**

Leaders and potential leaders gathered over the weekend to fellowship together and train themselves in caring for their Communities of Faith. Please pray for the Lay Leaders that God will equip them with love, strength and discernment from above to lead their people in ways that are honouring to God.



SERIES..... People here enjoy watching TV series. Our bible study for the last few months has been like that in some ways where our friends have been curious in wanting to know what happens next. The study is on Job and as you can imagine they were really interested in learning Job's suffering, the cause and effect of his suffering and his response to it. Last Sunday was on "wisdom" (Ch. 28). Just like we look for our bike keys every where, only to find it in our pocket, we look for wisdom in all the wrong places not realizing that it's already in our hearts with Jesus as the source of all wisdom. There have been requests to do another series similar to Job! Praise God for His words that bring meaning to our lives and gives us Hope.



Showing God's love: One way to share God's love is through teaching English. 2 new ladies Nut and Daeng recently joined us for our English classes. Often ladies who come for English classes get invited for beauty service. This is one space where they have no stress except to just relax and talk about anything from everyday living to shopping, health and food. Sometimes serious conversations can take place too.



It's a busy time for Yindii and Zoe in their studies as the school year draws to an end whilst for Libi, she is counting her days excitedly, looking forward to get promoted to Year 1. We leave for India on home assignment in June for two months. **Do pray for us as we visit Churches and also spend time with our families.**



Please pray for our team meeting at the end of this month; the Paynes as they conclude in July, Petina raising her support, visas for the Black family, Language and Culture learning for the Harlands, the Pachuas on HA to OZ and the Yawans who complete 40 years of service in June and still going strong. Praise God! If you are interested on a short video clip on Villy's Beauty and Beyond ministry, we can send you the link. Thank you as always for your prayers and support. Truly appreciate it.

Blessings

Muana, Villy, Yindii, Zoe and Libi.