

The Ibanes Informer



Dear Praying Partners and Friends,

First of all, I wish to thank you for your persistent prayers for me and my family here in Nan, Thailand. We know that you have been and are praying, and I wish to tell you why we know this.

- 1- **Our family** has been blessed with the joy of being together under the same roof and serving the Lord together. JRynard has finished his studies and is now learning the basics of camping and youth ministries. JRyan has been our special computer consultant, to my wife and me. He is the man of the house, helping his mother with laundry as well as kitchen chores. JRuth is doing well with her piano lessons and her Tae Kwon Do. She has now finished Grade 6 and is preparing for her first year in high school. JRyan and JRuth have just followed the Lord Jesus in baptism. We have the blessing of reading the Bible in English and sharing family prayer every evening. We minister as a family at Camp Joy. God has been caring for us even through physical ailments, and has provided rice for us through our adopted relatives in Thailand. We cannot stop thanking the Lord God our heavenly Father.



- 2- **Camp Joy Ministries** has been witnessing God's hand at work. time we prepare for camping activities, we feel as though we uphill. Almost every time, members of the staff or even pastors speakers inform us that something has come up and they help us as planned. October 2010 was a special month for our Camp. The preacher could not make it due to the death of his But we had more than 80 campers, about half of which had



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And of the remaining 40+ campers, 36 prayed to invite Jesus into their hearts as their Savior, including one of the English tutors! In 2011 we have already held two baptismal services for 14 young people, right in the middle of the Nan River at the campsite. Twelve of those baptized are from the Joyouth Development Center hostel. And on the first week of March 2011, during the two-day "Ladies' Time Out" for housewives, there were two mothers of children under AMG sponsorship who prayed to receive Jesus as their Savior. We have just noticed that two sections of our water reservoir are

slanting slightly. We thought that the recent earthquake in Nan may have been part of the cause. Our water pumps have been alternately going to the shop for repair. Right now, we are preparing for the month long Summer Youth Camp in April 2011. We certainly need your prayers for this summer mission.



- 3- **AMG Nan Branch.** This refers to AMG programs and projects in Northern Thailand, such as Child Care Centers, hostels, and schools. I serve as the Coordinator for these projects, and overall they are doing well. The Kinder and Primary School is operating well in spite of the lack of teachers and funds. Water supply is a constant burden for the school and the hostel. Two deep wells do not



produce enough water. In February of 2011, I was called to assist Pastor Pradith Chaosan, the hostel parent and acting pastor of the small local church, in conducting the baptismal service for 36 residents of the AMG Youth Hostel in Maejharim, including one of the By Grace school teachers.

- 4- **By Grace Foundation.** Currently, I am serving as the Chairman of the Foundation. We have submitted our proposed amendments for the policies of the Foundation. These amendments, if approved, will give us a wider scope of ministry. We have invited some AMG alumni as members of the Board.
- 5- **Other Ministries.** We are conducting a small Christian fellowship in the city of Nan called *Camp Joy Fellowship Center*. This is designed to serve Christians and young people in the city who have no place to go on Sundays. We thank God for giving us this opportunity to encourage a couple of college students for the past school year. This month (March) three of them have finished their courses in college. The *Nampai Christian Fellowship* in Maejharim has been ministering to those who cannot go to town and attend the local church there. The *By Grace Baptist Church* in the center of Maejahrim District is attended mainly by AMG workers and children. It is serving as a good training ground for Christian Service. Every other Wednesday evening, I go to the *By Grace School* to lead the teachers in Bible study. Every 5th Sunday, I am scheduled to preach at the *By Grace Baptist Church*. Every 4th Sunday, I go and visit or preach in one of our partner churches.



These are the main areas where I and my family are involved. We cannot even begin to thank and praise God for the blessings of serving, working with and bearing burdens with others. God has been sufficient and faithful.

- 6- **Prayer Requests.** Please remember the following in your prayers:
- a- God's man to help us develop the gardening program at Camp Joy.
 - b- Mr. JRynard Ibanes as he continues to learn and carry more responsibilities with Camp Joy Ministries, including his monthly support. He needs at least 7000 Baht(about \$231 US) per month, which is still below the government rate for degree holders.
 - c- Summer Youth Camps this coming April 2011. Pray for teachers/preachers, counselors, campers, and other helpers. Pray that everyone will go home from camp with a clearer objective and direction in their lives.
 - d- Our family plans to go to the Philippines next summer for the first time in six years. We are hoping to visit my parents who are now 82 and 86 years old. The transportation from Manila to our intended destination is more expensive than our fare from Bangkok to Manila.

May the Lord bless you with his peace.

In the love of Christ,

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