

News from Thailand - May 2015

..... From the Other Part of the World!



1. Hospital Visit – A co-worker, Phen had an operation and we went to cheer her up and encourage her! 2. Friends in Phrae – “a melded” family – with my three children. 3. English camp at a rural school in Uttaradit, Northern Thailand –one of five groups – “WE are HAPPY!” 4. One of the volunteers, F., who is part Mid-Easterner and part Thai—had a few issues that we talked and prayed about. 5. Ajan Jitana, F., Keith, my son John - a remembrance photo at the end of the 2 day camp. We did many activities, left some gospel and character building literature & keep in touch via mail. Pray for this school.



1. Christine (in blue) and teacher-we donated some character building materials for this school.
2. This happy man received a donated bicycle rickshaw that is "use to own".
3. Dawn (Chinese) taught here for 2 years. She received Jesus. Pls. pray for her!
4. Rural school in Lampang.
- 5-6. Rural school in Uttaradit.



Top & Middle Picture: Keith and Heather (Japanese / American teacher) explain the activity. We use a basic animal template, usually a fish or a bird. The children have to use organic, natural material-explained by – not paper, not plastic, not metal, not glass etc.. They have to choose what materials (organic) they will use and then design their unique “creation”. With our present English camp program – we try to use activities to make English language learning activities “fun” as well as include critical thinking as well as creativity and teambuilding activities too-all of these help to enhance their educational capacity and stimulate them to learn!

This school is in Lampang. This school is full of former students of mine who are part of a long-term project to visit often – about two times a month as well as follow up materials for the teachers personally as well as for their classes!

The following picture is from a school in Uttaradit where they happily display their beautiful, artistically portrayed creations! They are real artists and came up with some very innovative ways to use their materials!



Here we have some English camp students from the Ban Pong Sanuk School in Lampang discuss and think about what they will use and how they will obtain their materials. It is fun to watch them think and come up with innovative ways and materials as well as watch their interactions with others and how they collaborate and often enhance each others ideas. – Not copy off of others, but take an idea and improve on it by adding their own special touch.

These camps often are the springboard to opening the door for materials that share the gospel message as well as open the door to minister to the parents and teachers who are looking for innovative methods to teach and guide the children properly in their lives. These then lead to introducing prayer, as well as helpful advice and a rapport to share further information and materials on the topic! It is a little bit slower than in the West, but often proves very effective!

In future newsletters, will give more on the story of the Filipino “bicycle rickshaw” man, Christine, F, the part Middle easterner and part Thai volunteer teacher, friends in Phrae and Dawn. Meanwhile, please do keep them all in your prayers and you will help play a major role in helping to change their lives for the best!

God bless you! See you in the next newsletter!
Love in Jesus, Keith in Thailand