

**Prayer Requests and Praises**

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness.

Pray for affordable land in our current area to purchase in the future

Praise the Lord for a wonderful Christmas outreach season.

Pray for continued connections with those that have heard the gospel.

Ollie got baptized



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**Christmas Party for Kids**

Christmas time in Thailand is a wonderful opportunity to share the good news of Jesus Christ with many people. Every year, we host a Christmas party for the kids and teens of our church and our community. While there are games, prizes, food, and songs, the ultimate goal is to share the good news of Christ's coming. This year, our church members came together to plan and host carnival-style games. After the games and a time of singing, P'Toey shared the Christmas story, and the reason for Jesus' birth with the young people gathered. We pray that every time the gospel is shared a seed is planted in these young hearts.



**Christmas Outreaches**

During the Christmas season, many of the local schools allow the church to come and present a Christmas program for the all the students. On Sunday, December 15th, the church family came together to assemble bags of schools supplies, and tracts to give out at the schools. While everyone is invited to come to help at the school programs during the next week, work schedules are often prohibitive. Working together to assemble the bags is a tangible way everyone can have a part in these outreaches. Several children at the church attend these local schools and have opportunities to be a witness daily. We pray that these outreaches open opportunities for gospel-centered conversations.

## Ollie's Baptism

Last Christmas season, a young man named Bobby was baptized. Bobby had come to church looking for a mentor in financial matters and virtuous living. After many conversations with Toey and Pastor Jay, Bobby realized being a Christian was about faith in Christ, not ethical or moral living. Bobby trusted Christ in the fall of 2023 and followed in believer's baptism on December 29th of 2023. Since that time, Bobby has invited his friend Ti to church, who was also saved and baptized on Easter Sunday.

This year, another friend of Bobby's, Ollie, came to church. Ollie is young man from a Jewish and Thai family that had been living in Israel most recently. Ollie came to the church when he returned to Thailand at Bobby's invitation. In Sunday school, the adults had been studying Jesus as the Messiah. Ollie began asking questions about what being a Christian meant. Last month, he placed his faith in Christ and was baptized on December 22nd.

It's amazing to see the Lord working through the faithful witness of Christians. Ti, and Ollie are both products of Bobby's testimony. Bobby is a product of a Toey's faithful discipleship and Bible study.

## A college graduate and a community celebration at Sila

One of the first church members of Sila Baptist Church was Khruu Namrin. When Khruu Namrin began attending Sila, she had two teenaged children, Ice and Khaneeng. Khruu Namrin was the first Christian in her family, and had to navigate raising her teens for Christ in a very Buddhist culture, school environment, and family. When we moved to Lamphun in 2017, Khruu Namrin became our language teacher and we met Khaneeng and Ice. Khruu Namrin graciously made a classroom in her house complete with mats and toys so that the kids could play as needed while Becca studied. Now, Khaneeng assists Khruu Namrin in teaching our kids the Thai language on Sundays before church.

This month, Khaneeng had her college graduation ceremony. Khruu Namrin arranged a special Sunday to celebrate Khaneeng's accomplishment, and created an opportunity for Khaneeng to thank the church family that had cared for her and invested in her life. This event was a blessing in two ways: One: it is so encouraging to see the formation of a gospel-centered community that cares for one another as family, both encouraging and praying for one another. Two: Khaneeng and her brother Ice are the first teens to grow into adulthood at Sila Baptist Church. It's encouraging to see Khaneeng investing in others as she has grown. We pray that the children of Sila continue to grow rooted in Christ as they reach adulthood.

## Christmas Sunday at Sila

We had a wonderful Christmas celebration at Sila. Pastor Jay gave a clear gospel presentation. For many, this was the first time they heard the difference between their best attempts at being virtuous, and being "justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus." (Romans 3:24).

The hospitality team did an amazing job prepping the building, serving food, cleaning, and welcoming.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support!  
The Reed Family