### Prayer Requests and Praises

Praise the Lord for His guidance.

Pray for affordable land in our current area to purchase in the future. We are specifically looking for 4-6 rai.

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

Pray for locations for new ministry centers in town.

Praise the Lord for Ben's salvation and Luka's ordination.

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## Friend Day 2025

On March 9, we had our annual Friend Day at Sila Baptist Church. This is an opportunity for our church family to invite friends and neighbors. We were blessed with several visitors. In the first picture, the lady standing on the left is named Pa Kham. She is a dear friend of the lady in the middle, Saeng. Saeng has been a faithful witness in her community and to Pa Kham. Pa Kham has been invited by Saeng many times to church, and came for the first time on Friend Day. Please pray for Pa Kham and her need for Christ. Please pray for Saeng as she shares the gospel with her community.

# Ordination Service

On March 9, Sila Baptist Church had the privilege of ordaining Luka Chermue to the gospel ministry. Luka and Amie Chermue served as a part of the original church planting team of Sila Baptist Church. Luke and Amie were sent out of Sila and moved to Phrae to plant Phrae Baptist Church. Pastor Paul Chappell and a team from Lancaster Baptist Church, along with some other pastors, were able to come for the ordination, as well as Pastor Apisit from Lampang, Thailand and Pastor Sawat from Korat, Thailand. It was a special day for our church family as we saw the full loop of church planting in Thailand. We are thankful from support and encouragement from the group from America, as well as missionaries and pastors from here in Thailand. Pray for Luka and Amie as they minister in Phrae.

#### The Providence of God

Last Christmas, a young man named Olly was baptized. Olly had been brought to Christ by his friend Bobby. Olly is originally from a neighborhood in Phrae, but has been staying in Lamphun for school. Phrae is the city where Luka and Amie Chermue planted a church last year.

Last month, Olly began to talk to a friend in Phrae, Ben. Ben had questions about becoming a Christian, but expressed a discomfort about going to church. Olly told Ben that he knew people from his church in Lamphun that planted a church in Phrae, in Ben's exact neighborhood. Olly assured Ben that this church would welcome his questions. Olly took Ben to Phrae Baptist Church, where Ben sat to talk to Luka about Christ. In the afternoon that Sunday, Ben accepted Christ as his Savior. It is amazing to see the Lord work. We pray the Lord for the paths He has prepared.

In ways we could never have foreseen, the Lord had prepared the way for Ben and Olly to have a church in their area.

We are thankful for the faithfulness of Luka and Amie Chermue, to be exactly where the Lord called them, and for Olly's assurance that their church was a place to go for Biblical direction. Olly had originally gone home to tell his family about his faith in Christ. Pray for Olly and Ben as they share the gospel with their families. Pray for Luka and Amie as they share the gospel in Phrae.

#### A funeral in a Thai context

In March, the cousin of Pa Eid, one of our church members, died in a motorcycle accident. Obviously, the family was shocked by this tragedy. Pa Eid and her two children are the only Christians in her extended family. While it is a heavy weight to comfort a the family of an unbeliever, Pa Eid and her adult children prayed to be a witness of the gospel during this time. Many of the traditions of a Thai funeral are directly related to Theravada Buddhist theology, which means that as believers, there are aspects that Pa Eid and her children did not participate in. As a church, we attended the first evening of the funeral. Please pray for Pa Eid as she is a consistent witness in her community. Pray for her family members to be open to the gospel.

## **Elementary Graduations**

March marks the end of the school year in Thailand. This year, we celebrated two 6th grade graduates at Sila - Lilly, Phong, Jom, and Pai. School graduations offer an opportunity to celebrate with the graduates, but also to connect with families, and teachers at the schools. We are grateful for the welcoming community here that we are able to be a part of in Lamphun. Helping at schools, and attending events is one avenue of outreach available to us.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and support! Chris, Becca, Ethan, Selah, Ryder, and Asher Reed

