



# Prayer News Bulletin

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Dear Everyone,

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Months to go!

January 2024

## Happy New Year

Thanks so much for Christmas cards, newsletters and emails, sadly I didn't get very far sending Christmas cards last year, but I would like to say thanks so much for all your prayers, support and interest in me and the work I am involved with here in Thailand. Christmas turned out to be very quiet, which was just as well as I was exhausted for some reason, and succumbed to a bout of laryngitis, which meant that I was relatively quiet too

Achera's mum died on Christmas eve, and the funeral and cremation was on the 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> of December. Obviously this has affected our lives, Achera's more than mine. She said that in the late afternoon she is overcome with a cloud of sadness as this was usually the time when she went to visit her mum.



Some of Achera's relatives

**Please pray for her that she will know God's comfort and closeness, as well as wisdom in what to do now.**

The first week in January was also quiet but things began to pick up in the second week. The second Sunday I was doing the normal weekend at Taa Chang. Eva, an ex- OMF missionary from Switzerland, who is greatly loved by the Singburi team, had come to visit and was also staying at Taa Chang.



Eva from Switzerland

For the teaching session at Taa Chang the idea was to cover 2 more areas of importance for the healing prayer seminar. In the morning I taught about sin, and this brought up several issues among the listeners, so Choo and I decided that we should just leave it there for this month and the next topic – the occult, would be covered next month.

**Praise the Lord for the encouragement of seeing God at work in the midst of his people, and for every opportunity to share in His work.**



The teaching session on Saturday



a time of prayer for each other



Speaking on Sunday

On the Sunday I went back to Bangkok and was producing for a course on Tuesday. OMF has used Zoom since Covid days for their on-line training, but owing to changing Zoom policies, they have decided to use MS Teams after February – which will mean a steep learning curve for me.

On the Wednesday morning we had an online regional council meeting and have decided that, owing to the fact that the Central Thailand team is so small, we will disband the Regional council and just meet as a team for Regional matters, which increased our number by just 3 people. This summer our region is organizing the OMF annual conference which will mean an increasingly busy timetable as the end of June draws near.

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On Wednesday afternoon I headed for Taa chang again, and stayed overnight. Taa Chang Church had 2 guys visiting, one from Slovakia and one from India. They work with ASCET. (an Aids foundation) in their respective countries and the Thailand base for ASCET is in Taa chang. Taay, one of the leaders of Taa Chang church heads up ASCET in Thailand. Many of the members of Taa Chang have been contacted and come to faith as a result of the work of ASCET in the area.

The Wednesday cell group for the church was held at the church and one of the guys was asked to speak and I was asked to translate – the message was on faith and he certainly gave a challenge to the folk at Taa chang. As always one of the biggest questions arose was how can I now God’s will, or that I am doing God’s will.



**We pray that God will use the message for the Church.** **Translating for Meron**

Thusday morning was our central Thailand OMF prayer meeting at Promburi which is just a short 10 minute drive from Taa Chang. As always this is a lovely time of encouragement as we have fellowship together and hear what the Lord is doing through each of our ministreis. From there I went back up to Manorom. I had planned to move out of the house at the end of last year, but owing to the fact that I was unwell I didn’t get back up to Manorom until this week.

Having packed up almost everything it seemed like I was ready to go, but after talking to the folk who allocate houses etc they have allowed me to stay until I leave in August as there are now several houses vacant so there is no pressure. This actually was a great relief,. I have sorted through stuff and have given away a lot of my English teaching stuff, so the number of boxes I moved in with has now been reduced to half and I can continue giving away stuff when I know I will no longer need it, so hopefully there will be only a small amount to be taken back to Bangkok. Being at Manorom is actually a good stopping off point when I have to travel further north in order to minister to those churches.

**Praise the Lord for the provision of the house in Manorom.**

The following Sunday I was speaking at Singburi city church in the morning and then went to Ban phet in Ang Thong province to speak at their service which is in the afternoon, and from there I went back to Bangkok– I managed to get back to Bangkok much quicker this time. (I got a bit lost last time, even though I was using google maps). I dropped in to the Petrol Station where I had passed out in October, in order to give a gift of Thai desserts to the ladies who helped me. Sadly Tooeey had just gone home, but one of the other ladies there remembered me and said she would pass them on.

This week I was producer again for the OMF Equip 1 course and in the afternoon I had to go to OMF office to get all the papers I need for immigration and my visa and work permit extension, and then this morning I got up at 5am, and headed across Bangkok to get to the immigration office.

I arrived around 8.30 and my queue number was 129 so I knew that I had several hours to wait, so I went to the food court, bought a cup of coffee and began to work on my computer. I managed to do several things, starting this prayer letter was one of them. The office closes from noon to 1pm so I then ate lunch and then went into the waiting area and was finally seen around 2 pm. I had to get a few more things photocopied and then around 3 pm, my visa trip was done but then I had to get my work permit extended. Having waited so long in the queue for the visa I was beginning to think I would be pushing it to get the work permit finished by the end of the day. I jumped on a motor bike taxi (the quickest way to get around Bangkok) and he took me to the Dept of employment office. I walked in and there was hardly anyone there. I was seen straight away. A few more photocopy jobs, and finally I was done. I took the sky train, walked a bit, took a bus and then had to walk a bit more and arrived home at 5pm – wow, all of that took almost 12 hours. This is the last time I will need to get an extension of my visa and work permit!!!



**Immigration Bangkok**



**Dept. of Employment Bangkok**

Thank you so much to you all for remembering me and the work I am involved with. It is slightly strange to know that there are just 7 months before I return to UK (12 months to retirement from OMF) Please pray that these final months will be a blessing to me and that I will be a blessing to the Thais with whom I work.

God bless you and Lots of Love to you all,

*Emile*

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Diary Feb 2024	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb	Online teaching with Taa Chang
4 <sup>th</sup>	Speaking at Don Muang Church, Bangkok
5 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting up with Scott and Nok, with Achera
9 <sup>th</sup>	Online teaching with Taa Chang
10 <sup>th</sup> -11 <sup>th</sup>	Taa Chang teaching on Saturday, speaking Sunday
14 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>	Central Thailand Team days, at Hang Nam
16 <sup>th</sup>	Online teaching with Taa Chang
18 <sup>th</sup>	Speaking at Manorom Church
23 <sup>rd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Central Thailand Full time workers Camp, Hang Nam
25 <sup>th</sup>	Khok Sam Rong Church
1 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Online teaching with Taa Chang
2 <sup>nd</sup> – 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ban Phot Pisay Church

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