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CLM News

Blessed be the Name of the Lord! We just returned from Thailand and want to let you know that God did a mighty work in the hearts of the Thai people.

We arrived in Chiang Mai with Ruben and Sheree Rubio, of Higher Ground Ministries, who we traveled and ministered with. We secured a place to stay with the help of our interpreter and friend Garoon Suriyachaiphan. He is the one who set up all of our meetings and traveled with us for the three weeks we were there. He and his family are precious to us and to the Kingdom of God! Our itinerary took us to cities and villages throughout Northern Thailand. Our scheduled meetings were divided between the four of us. The first 2 days, we spent getting things we would need in the small apartment we rented. It had furniture, but no kitchen utensils, etc. We walked to the nearest market and purchased the things we would need, such as food and supplies. Our first meeting was

at a compound where a precious couple housed, counseled and taught men who had drug and alcohol problems. The Lord ministered to many of them through Words of Knowledge and physical healing. We traveled out each night to a different place in the surrounding Chiang Mai area. Then we stayed put in Chiang Mai for about 5 days. Joyce Meyer, along with Hillsong band were scheduled to hold meetings in Chiang Mai and our interpreter was scheduled to help with the interpreting at her meetings. It was the first time Joyce Meyer and the Hillsong group had ever been to Thailand and we were blessed to be there. Many people gave their lives to the Lord during her meetings. The day after the Joyce Meyer conference, we traveled out for a week into the mountains. Dusty, bumpy, windy

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A Better Life T.V. Show

A Better Life T.V. Show is going strong! We just signed a new contract with Charter Cable for the next year. Last year, through programming mix ups, they gave us four time slots each week for the price of one. Before signing the contract, I asked which time slot of the four were we signing for. The sales agent said that they still have us listed for all four—Praise the Lord! We want to thank our tech crew for making the show possible and thank those who pray for us and give financially for making the show possible. **Together** we are reaching many for the Lord in the east central Wisconsin area. We will soon start building two new sets. This will enable us to have a change of scenery for the shows. We currently have a living room set. The new sets will have a kitchen look and a study/library look. Please join us in prayer for an opportunity to expand our viewing area!

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A beautiful Thai sunset

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mountain roads, no hot water, no flush toilets, cold nights sleeping on mats—we were never happier! It is amazing how God graces us when we are obedient to do His will. Throughout that week, we experienced the Love of God working through us to others and through others to us. Many were healed physically eyesight being restored, gout healed, shoulder and back pain gone, knees healed, and kidney and stomach problems healed. We saw God take worry and distress and give peace in its place. One lady asked to be set free from a demonic spirit that was continually harassing her.

She was set free after renouncing past dealings with evil spirits. We prayed with her and she was filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. Her whole demeanor and facial expression was changed—from darkness to light! As we preached, we could see the Word of God sinking into the spirits of the people. Men, women, youth and children were all hungry for God's Word and listened intently.

Rev. Chip Brim, who ministered at our church's men's conference gave a word to Gregg and Ruben that we would go to Thailand and giants would be slain as David slayed Goliath. One of the giants that was slain was the mindset of the Thai people that they are unable to finance the work of the Gospel. All of the children's homes and missionary works are financed by foreigners. They didn't see themselves as able to finance these ministries themselves. In fact, between our ministry and Ruben and Sheree's ministry, we paid for all of our travel expenses, our interpreter and his expenses, travel expenses to bring people down to the villages to attend the meetings and the food to feed them while they attended the meetings. The Lord led Gregg to teach about tithing and giving at the leadership conference we held. He explained how we need to be obedient to

God's Word and give tithes and offerings. It was a great teaching. By the time Gregg was done, they understood that God was their source not man and that He could use them to help others through their giving. We found out the next morning that Ruben and Sheree would be responsible to pay for the next conference the following weekend (about \$600) and since Gregg and I were going back to America before then, they were responsible for all of it. As we gathered hands to pray, the Lord told Gregg that since he taught the people the night before about giving, we should give them a chance to sow into Ruben and Sheree's ministry to help finance the next meeting series of meetings in the next village. That evening, Gregg explained that just as our ministry partners and our church in the United States helped financially to send us to Thailand, they have the opportunity to send the Gospel to the next village through Ruben and Sheree. As Gregg preached, people came up and put in the 'offering plate' what God was telling them to give. At the end of the night, about 5400 baht which is equal to \$160 USD came in—and one superball that a precious little child gave.

We heard later that the district leaders had started planning for the next conference in October and that they decided each church was responsible for a part of the budget. And, to feed the people, they were going to ask for donations of rice and start raising pigs to donate to the conference for food. Praise the Lord! They are 'doers of the Word and not hearers only!' James 1:22 The people at that conference saw that nothing is impossible with God and that He is their Source.

We want to thank you for all your support and for helping to make it possible for us to spread the Gospel 'into all the world' through ministry trips and through A Better Life TV show. God bless you abundantly! We love you!



Eating Thai style, on the floor !



A great time in the Lord with our new friends.



Sheree, Elise, Gregg, Ruben, a village Pastor and his wife



We shared the 'road' with cattle



Church in Borkew



Church service in Borkew