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**Dear Partner & Friend in the Gospel,**

It is fast approaching year's end when we reflect on what God has done in our lives and ministry over the year and remember His precious Gift to us of a Saviour. You all are very much part of what God has done in Samut Prakan bringing people to Himself and growing His church to reach out in its community. We are in awe of what God has done as we complete our first year (of our 2<sup>nd</sup> term) in Samut Prakan ... it is a true blessing to serve God in this place, despite hardships.

**What has happened since our last letter? ☺ ..... some highlights only**



The new family with baby Eliyah

- The highlight was that we became Grandparents for the 1<sup>st</sup> time. Eliyah Sartugan Piawong was born on 29 October weighing 3.59 kilos (ALL our Thai friends tell us this is very big for a newborn). The new family of Noom, Karis and Eliyah is doing well.
- I (Phil) spent a few days at the beach alone with God – to remember God's faithfulness over the past 50 years in my



The first page of an album presented to Phil on his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday containing encouraging notes from family and friends over the last 50 years!

life and to pray about a number of things concerning future ministry direction as I move beyond my 50<sup>th</sup> birthday.

- Continuing to move towards becoming an official house church in our local slum community – *Khlong Da Nu* – at the same time as “passing the baton” on to Thai leadership.
- Matt (youngest son) arrived on 1 Nov for his 3 month summer break from university in Australia after successfully completing his 1<sup>st</sup> year of study in Arabic, Chinese and International Relations.
- Moved by the immense need from the worst flood in Thailand's history, which killed almost 700



Matt & Eunice

people and accounted for considerable damage and homelessness in more than half of Thailand's provinces.

**We were greatly encouraged by the huge response to our flood appeal when in excess of 150,000 baht was raised in only a few days.**

Please see the next page for prayer requests....





## prayer requests

**1. Close walk with God** (Heb.11:8) – We ask prayer for increasing intimacy with God so we hear His Voice in all decisions.

**2. Family** – Praise God for the safe arrival of Elijah and for his and Karis's good health. Pray for God's blessing in special family times together over this month (including Tim's safe arrival into Thailand) – this is a rare occasion for us to have all our family together and we are greatly looking forward to it and thanking God that He has blessed us in this way for this December.



Discussing Buddhism with friends in a temple

**3. Raising up Thai leadership** (2 Tim. 2:2) – pray for the teaching and training of key men in *Khlong Da Nu* slum community as we prepare to hand over the house church in this community to full Thai leadership. Pray for Citichai, Bom, Brateung and Tui.

- we are running a mid-week series for them on what leadership means (over January and February) using the book of Joshua as the text

**4. Reachout to Samut Prakan** (Rom.10:14) – pray for new Thai leaders to catch the vision of reaching out to all the 30 slum communities in Samut Prakan. Ask the Lord of the Harvest to sweep over these communities through the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray too for wisdom regarding continuing ministry in *Bang Bing* slum community and future outreach into *Soi Boran* slum community.



Jen telling a Bible story to the kids in Klong Da Nu community

**5. Christmas Outreach** – pray for effective outreaches in *Khlong Da Nu* slum community (17 December) and in our Thai church (24-25 December) that many would respond to the Good News of a Saviour.

On a more personal note, I (Phil) have now finished my autobiography (“*Saved from the Fowler’s Snare*”) starting it with a note to my children and wrapping it up at the end with a note to my first grandchild. I am now waiting until end December for all members of my family to have read it first. Please pray that God would guide me specifically as to how to proceed with this after December.

### Upcoming events:

- **12 Dec** : Tim arrives for Christmas ☺
- **17 Dec** : *Khlong Da Nu* Christmas outreach, and visit by Pioneers Regional leadership
- **19-25 Dec** : Family Christmas in Ubon
- **28 Dec** : Tim & Matt leave Thailand ☹ for Singapore
- **25-31 Jan** : Matt returns for his last week in Thailand before returning to Australia
- **February** : Family visits – Phil’s brother (1-4 Feb), Jen’s mum (8-21 Feb)
- **25 Feb to 4 Mar** : CPM Seminar in India
- **4 Mar to 11 Mar** : cultural trip in India (birthplace of Buddhism)

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In the clutches of the cross,  
Phil & Jen Malone ☺  
“*God will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.’ And the two of them went on together*” (Gen.22:8)...Are we fair dinkum about doing what God says no matter the cost for us personally?

