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Churning Along

We have been churning right along since returning from America. Before we left, our Sunday morning attendance averaged about 35 people per week. Since our return, it has averaged 42. Our Sunday evening attendance previously averaged 15 per week, and since our return, it has averaged 21. These are not large numbers, but we are grateful for God's increase.

Special Need

We have a special need to add a passenger van to our ministry for several reasons. First, our Songthaew is at capacity. (A Songthaew is a pickup truck with two benches in the back, covered by a roof.) It is designed to hold about 11 people, but we have had as many as 21 people riding in it at one time.

Second, we are training two young men for the ministry. When their training is complete, we hope to start a second church in a neighboring area. We believe one of the best ways to do that is to begin a bus route in that area and build a base of people who can eventually help us start a church there.

Our goal is to raise \$30,000 to purchase a van, and that amount is for a used van. Many people do not realize that vehicles in Thailand are very expensive, so they may think this amount would purchase a new vehicle. However, it would not be enough to buy a new passenger van—only a used one in decent condition. We hope some of you will partner with us to make this purchase.



We celebrated Thailand's Mother's Day on August 9. We recognized all the mothers in attendance and gave each of them a gift. I preached about motherhood and the important role mothers play in their children's lives. The picture was cropped, but 12 mothers were in attendance.



Baw Jek (in the flower dress) brought three co-workers to church one Sunday this month. Over the last two years, she has brought more than 20 visitors—mostly within the past year. Several have since been saved and continue to attend. (Picture is cropped)



Meet Myint, the neighbor of Dao (pictured in the blue dress).

Myint has been attending our services regularly and was saved and baptized this month! God has truly blessed us with an abundance of visitors since our return from America. We are incredibly grateful for His continued faithfulness.

