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Short Term Teams part 2 – Expanding our Reach Beyond the Borders of Thailand a key component in the

Care Corner Orphanage strategy to impact Thailand for Christ

What can one orphanage do to impact an entire region for the cause of Christ?....

1. Ministry partnership with local Thai Christian groups
2. Ministry partnership with short term team from across the region and the world

God has led Care Corner to a strategy that allows us to be a link between local Thai missions and international missions efforts. This allows Care Corner to be part of impacting the entire region for Jesus Christ!

EXAMPLE: Care Corner as a link between ministry partners:

1. An ethnic Karen Bible School along the Myanmar border at Tha Song Yang, Thailand
2. McKinney Memorial Bible Church in Fort Worth, Texas



Pastor Praphan (Principle of Karen Bible School)



Steve (middle) and McKinney Memorial Bible Church Members

Over the past 5 years Care Corner director Ricky Tan has been cultivating a growing ministry relationship with pastor Praphan, director of the small but strategic Karen Bible Training School Thai side of the border with perpetually war-torn Myanmar (previously called Burma).

Burma's (now called Myanmar) Historical background:

Myanmar has the distinction of currently being the world's longest running civil war: dating all the way back to the British post WWII withdrawal from Burma in the late 1940's! Since that time the ethnic Karen people in eastern Myanmar have tried to keep their traditional homeland by taking up arms. Other people groups in other regions of Myanmar have done

PRAYER POINTS

- CCO children's school exams in March.
- CCO children's end of the year school holidays from April - May. Pray for God's protection and in-house program for the children during their break.
- Missions outreach to the villages of the children from CCO.
- Finishing work of the Karen Bible School. They are still short of funds for the furnishing of the school.

likewise. For the Karens this has become a virtual military culture where nearly all the men in this people group are soldiers from their early teens until their eventual deaths in combat. The Karen families live by the tens of thousands in numerous refugee camps strung along the Thai – Myanmar border. Many still live inside Myanmar as well. Sadly, this is a classic Asian guerilla warfare environment. The Karen's tell seemingly endless stories of their traumatic experiences caught in this ongoing conflict.

The school:

Trusting God daily for their basic needs, for the past 10 years this important school has trained young Karen students to go back into their native villages and function as spiritual leaders for the cause of Christ. The two year bible training course is taught by pastor Praphan (himself a native Karen) in the Karen dialect. The school has graduated 30 trained spiritual leaders and currently has 9 students. The students range in age from late teens to late 20's. In recent years the school has been housed in traditional grass huts that can only be reached by hiking a dirt trail and wading across a small river. The setting is physically beautiful and very inexpensive, but is very difficult to reach in rainy season, has no electricity and is plagued by malaria. In the fall of 2005 one of the students actually died of malaria.



The Bible School



The Church



The Students



The Premises

The short term team:

Through Care Corner's international ministry networking efforts the missions committee of McKinney Memorial Bible Church was moved by God to send a team of church members to help the Karen Bible School begin to construct a new multi-use concrete building. In addition to construction help, two of the church team members were able to do some teaching among the Karen students. Accustomed to Central and South American missions trips, this was by far the church's most distant missions trip. Funds were raised and a team of ten members responded to the call. The initial trip took place in November 2005.

Moved by God through their experience living and working in the jungle among the Karen students, the team prayed God would use their church to complete the building project.

The building is now near completion and the Karen Bible School is excited to move in!



The Present Church & Bible School

Care Corner director Ricky Tan sums it up this way, "We at Care Corner desire to be used by God to equip and empower local missions across South East Asia. This is part of our calling from the Lord."

Written by Ron Wilson

Please continue to pray for the ongoing needs of pastor Praphan and the students of the Karen Bible School. May God continue to use them mightily in that dangerous environment!

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