



The Downs Missionaries to Thailand



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To my supporting churches and friends,

I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. I trust all is well with all of you, our hope is not in governmental solutions, but the promises of our Sovereign God. The Lord's people need to have their affections set on things above not on things of the earth Colossians 3.2.

Things are going well with the work in Mae Sai and with migrant Burmese people. Progress is very slow due to the fact that the people are not permanent; they move from place to place. In our Sunday services we have different ethnic groups that attend. Some speak two or three different languages, but they all understand the Burmese language, I preach in English, and Bro. Mew translates it in to the Burmese language. Bro. Mewlina works every day among the people witnessing, giving out tracts, and gospel booklets as well as inviting people to the services. If I go they see me and think I will give them money to come because they think all Americans are rich. Many missionaries from western countries in the past have given money to people to get a crowd, but, when the money was gone, so was the crowd. These practices have made it more difficult on missionary work here. My main ministry here is preaching as well as teaching and training Bro. Mewlina.

I plan on making a trip home for few months next spring. I would like to come the last of March 2010, if The Lord is willing. Some churches have ask me to come. I will visit as many as I can. Here in Thailand, I get a visa one a year at a time. I will have to renew my visa in January 2010 for another year. Every year I have to prove that I have financial means to maintain myself. Sometimes, they want you to have so much monthly support and sometimes they want you have a certain amount in a Thai bank. So far, I have been able to meet their demand. I know many of you are faithful in praying for us and I praise The Lord for that. The Lord uses your financial and prayer support to keep us here.

I feel so blessed by so many friends that God has given me. Some have been friends for twenty, thirty, even forty years or more. This is a treasure that money cannot buy.

By Grace,
Your Missionaries in Thailand,

Gordon & Nancy Downs

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