

# Udon Thani and Beungkan

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## *Missions Update*

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In July, husband and wife team from Laksi Lutheran church came to have ministry to the old people in Bungkla Lutheran church. A nurse, she taught the benefits of eating herbs found planted in the church compound. We also measure their high blood pressure and did test if they were diabetic. Ajarn Sompong, her husband shared the Word of God during Sunday service.

Prior to Bungkla, they helped in the English program for kids in Nonghan. It is a blessing to have them helped in these 2 places.

**English program on Saturdays** - We have this program every Saturdays divided into 3 groups, i.e. the smaller kids (between 3 to 7 years old), the middle kids (8 to 10 years old) and the bigger kids (11 to 12 years old). 20 children come to this program, and conducted in the house of a church member in Nonghan. Two of my students (secondary) helped in teaching. After lunch, we had quizzes on the parables of Jesus and Asean. All these children are not believers yet. We had Mother's day program and invited all their mothers and grandmothers to our program.

**Baan Chiang preaching station** - The station was closed down sometime in May this year due to difficulties on the part of the evangelist. She no longer serves with us. However, the members now worships in Nonghan church until such time, probably next year when everything has been cleared up, we will open a station there once again.

**Nong Phabat Lutheran church** - Ps Tassapon is now the new PIC of District 3 church. There has been discussion whether he will be deployed back to Nonghan church. This is still in consideration due to problems with his son, 18 years old with some mental illness. We had a ministry to Women in August and invited the neighborhood people to join us. About 50 turn up, some of whom are under our Diakonia help.

**Nonghan Lutheran church** - Although many of the members are elderly, they have been faithful in coming to church every Sunday. One of our new member will be baptized in the last week of October. He is a former school principal, fallen many times and now received into God's Kingdom. People with difficultis, sick, mental illness have been coming to church due to the sharing of the elderly to their neighbors. 'Can I be healed?' asked one of them. "Come to church and meet Jesus" was the reply of our member. And so it was like this everytime. Our members may not be eloquent in sharing Jesus but their strong faith that others see in them made the new people want to come to meet Jesus in church.

We had our first burial in Nonghan Lutheran church. He was an American soldier living in Thailand and wants to be buried. So Ps Boonma and some men from the church cleared and dig the grave for last Saturday's burial. This Friday the District 3 leaders will meet for an all night prayer but before that, we will be having a meeting regarding the what and how to do, and plan for next year.

**Bungkla Lutheran church** - 4 people were baptized last month. Apart from church ministry, Ajarn Chaichana with his wife have a radio program that reached out to the community and nearby Laos. During the last couple of months when it rained almost daily, the program was stopped due to thunderstorm and lightning.

**Nong Takai preaching station** - This is a non Lutheran preaching station and I helped to minister together with the ICF church members every other Wednesdays of the month. Situated in the outskirts of Udon Thani, we visited and invited the villagers to come to our service. For those who cannot walk or come, we prayed for them even though they wanted to come. About 17 altogether attend the service and I would lead in worship and translation. An old grandma had her prayers answered after a year of not being able to hear. God opened her ears.

Most Sundays I am either in one of the churches to minister. The Nonghan prayer team meet on Thursdays for our weekly prayer meeting.

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