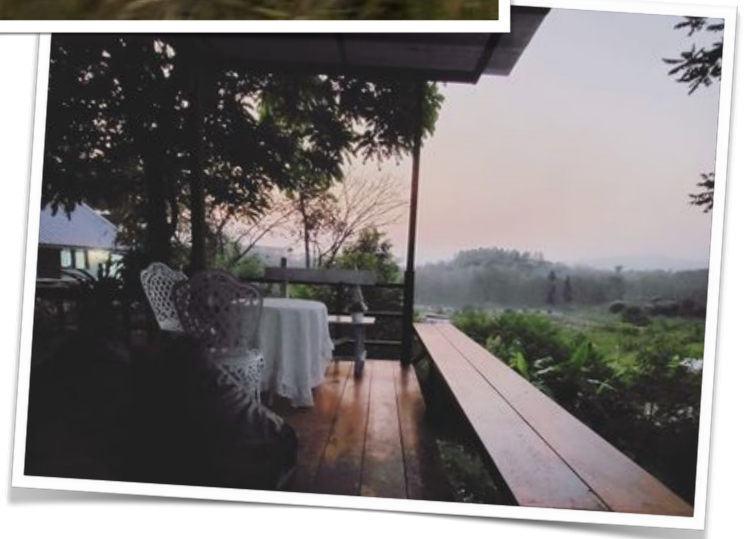
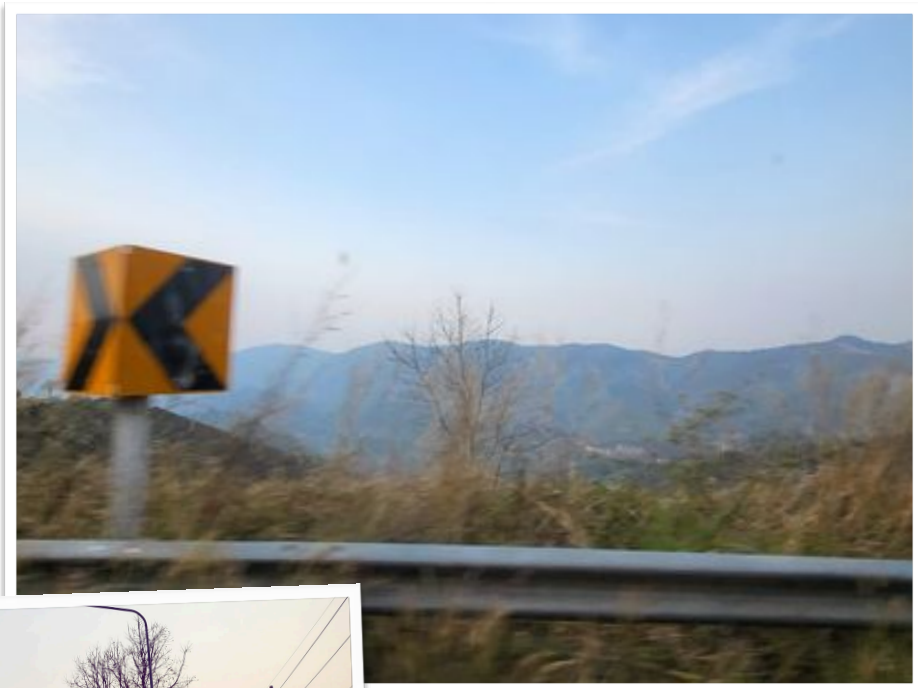


The New work

Venturing into new grounds



Welcoming

to a new work the Lord has entrusted



After 7 years of being a missionary in the city, now moving to the province (Chiang rai) a whole new world but with the same trust in the Lord. I am really excited to explore this new work not because I don't like the previous work I am doing, but because it provides me again with another platform to put my trust in the Lord, and that's what I ask of the Lord when I venture into the missionary life 7 years ago. I am more excited than anxious about this new phase arriving at my almost mid-life stage but thanking God for the energy and the abilities to keep up with it. They too are very welcoming of me to join their team as they lay hands to pray for me and I pray that I can be a positive contribution to their ministry as the Lord leads. The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Thailand (ELCT) District 4 (Chiang Rai) have 8 churches and preaching stations with 9 pastors and ministers, ministering mainly to the tribal community of (Arkha and Lahu) helping them to be aware of the presence of God through regular worship services, home visitations, and prayers. Training is also given for some who are interested in Theology, ministering of the liturgy, and basic Leadership.



On their first council meeting, they decided that my main area of work will be the youth ministry and to help out in preaching and the spiritual formation of the Church members through prayers and visitations. My first task was the Youth Camp on the 21-23 of April. The title of the camp is “Walking forward with Christ” In the camp, I see willing and committed young people who love and serve the Lord, and I also see young people who lost their way and needed to be led back into the path of the Lord, and all of them came with an open heart. We need more camps like this to keep the ministry of the youth going, please pray with me for them that the Lord Himself will grow this group of young people from into the glory of this world into being His very own glory.



I started to do my rounds to the churches as they began to open up for Sunday worship services, not all the churches are ready but there were 4 that opened in May and the rest will follow in the coming month. I was invited to (Baan Rai) first and then to (Leng Gan Pha Ma) followed by (Baan Pok) in the province Lampang and lastly to (Tha Hor). I was invited to minister to them through preaching and praying with them. The plan is that I will make rounds to all the churches and see which one needed my help most and I will be assigned to that church but will still be preaching and helping the other churches when the need arises.



Please keep District 4 (sounded like Hunger Games) in your prayer

- All the Churches and preaching stations will be ready to open soon
- All the pastors and ministers be healthy and ready for ministry
- Me to be relevant
- Me to walk close to God; to grow in humility and grace
- Good health for me and my family
- The youth to stay in the path of the Lord and grow in their love for God