

## **Thailand and China Update - Roscoe Snell**

### **สวัสดีจากเชียงใหม่ ประเทศไทย / Greetings from Chiang Mai, Thailand!**

After a rather slow start, 2022 became an increasingly busy ministry year in Chiang Mai. Covid restrictions, fear of many local people concerning the health crisis, and the negative reputation of foreigners were some obstacles which had to be overcome. How wonderful to see the faithfulness of our Father! As doors are opening and relationships built, I continue to glory in the Lord's favor.

#### **Here are some of the Thailand mission highlights for this past year:**

- Bible Studies with both Chinese and Thai friends.
- Building relationships with adults and students via English tutoring, using the Bible as a resource for instruction.
- Guitar lessons for home group leaders.
- Weekly Chinese Men's Bible study in my apartment.
- Morning Bible study with Middle & High school students during the summer vacation.
- The wonderful opportunity for monthly sharing at a growing Thai church.

As I shared above, I am attending a Thai church. Previously, I had attended an English church, but I just wasn't connecting with many Thai people. After much prayer, I visited a couple Thai churches. The church that I attend is very welcoming and quite a joyful place. The church has many young, excited believers. I share with an interpreter, because my Thai language skills are still pretty basic.

As for China and my Chinese family in Lijiang, I am able to remain in touch with them, which is another blessing from the Lord. Many other missionaries had their online connections canceled by that government. Travel restrictions are beginning to ease, but currently, I'm unable to enter China with my type of visa.

#### **Here is a brief description of ministry in China:**

- Continued online mentoring and Bible study for underground church pastors and leaders.
- Counseling for those in crisis and other personal issues.
- Premarital counseling.
- Advising pastors and underground church leadership.

I am planning to visit the States for six weeks, beginning at the end of February. This will be my first trip back in about fourteen months. In that time, my older sister passed as well as some close friends, I had a brief and mild bout of Covid, and several longtime friends are facing serious health concerns. I want to connect with loved ones and also firm up my support base, which has been decreasing slightly over this past year.

I greatly appreciate your love, prayers, and support of both me and this work. Thank you for being a part of my support team and, more importantly, family. I am blessed!

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