

NEWS FROM THAILAND



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PEACE IN THE MIDST OF THE STORM

There are so many promises in scripture for peace and safety that we can quote in times of danger. I cannot include them all here. One of the most common is the Psalm of Protection, Psalm 91. Another is Ps 46:1-2, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea..." (NIV)

Someone said, "No matter where you are, the safest place to be is in the middle of God's will." That is where we were during the recent uprising and civil unrest. Keith was in Bangkok, and Sharon was in the USA. We are glad to report that all those affiliated with RHEMA Thailand are safe, even those who live in or near the affected areas.

The events of this series of protests have differed from the past in location and property destruction. Historically, protestors assemble in other parts of the city closer to government offices and headquarters which are comfortably distant from our home. These latest protests marked a change of strategy and location, being one and a quarter miles (2km) from our apartment, and during the severest conflicts, came to a quarter of a mile away (300m) from our home.

Unbeknownst to us, the coordinator of our Myanmar Extension Campus, along with his sister, came to Bangkok as the violence escalated and went to stay at their usual guesthouse which is just within the perimeter of conflict. When they arrived and got out of the taxi, there was



nearby gun fire, and they had to duck and take cover before getting inside the guesthouse which was already closed up. The guest house sent them to another nearby guesthouse. Then, not long after they checked in, the electricity and water was cut off. The owner rushed to tell them to hurry and flee as danger was imminent. They fled, grabbing only what they could run with, and leaving behind what they could not carry. The guesthouse, along with other nearby buildings, was burned to the ground. When he finally called Keith three days later, he related their experience and that they had now decided to just leave and get a taxi to the airport. Keith insisted on going to get them himself because, by this time, traveling by taxi was too dangerous. Keith knew the back ways in and out, picked them up, taking them to the airport and avoiding the dangerous areas.

By Sunday, the protestors had been dispersed.

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NEW STUDENTS ARRIVE

June 9th was an exciting day here as new students and second year students arrived to register for school and begin the new school year. The first three days of school are *Orientation*, where we thoroughly cover what is expected of Bible school students. For some, this is a pretty sobering experience since the students are a bit nervous already. However, once their classes begin, their excitement and enthusiasm builds and builds. After a week or so of classes, I asked the some students about what they were studying in their classes, and their faces immediately lit up. With wide eyes and equally wide smiles they began talking about the things they were learning. This is definitely a group of future preachers and teachers! They are so happy and excited! That is the way studying the Bible is supposed to be!





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After evaluating the isolated points of disturbance in the city, and since our church meets in an area that remained quiet and peaceful, Keith proceeded with Sunday services. The ministry offices remained closed for the rest of the week, and a ministry trip to train children's workers in Chiang Mai was cancelled.

As calm replaced conflict, many people voluntarily came out to help the clean up effort and restore the area back to normal.

It was not necessary to cancel the Keys to Victory Seminar, which seemed all the more appropriate and necessary given the situation. And finally, the new RBTCT school year also open as scheduled on June 9th.

KEYS TO VICTORY 2010

What a tremendous blessing to have Rev. Jim Andrews and his wife Faye with us from RHEMA Brazil for this year's Keys to Victory Seminar. We are so glad they did not cross us off their itinerary as the situation in Bangkok heated up!



This event is the kick-off for the new school year and is a pivotal event for those who are considering attending RBTCT. Praise God for the prophetic words spoken under the anointing of the Holy Spirit! Lives were changed by the Word of God as it brought light, understanding, and direction to the 70-some people who attended.



RT REACHING OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS

The RT Team is on the road reaching out in outlying areas with the Gospel that Jesus Christ is the Savior for all of man's needs: spirit, soul, and body. On this occasion, the RT team is in Saraburi, a province north of Bangkok, by about a 1 1/2 hour's drive. This is our second seminar with this church. They love God's Living Word, and want more!



Here, Rev. Gary Hausman, flanked by *Rhema Band Thailand*, brought the message of the God who heals. Pictured here is a gentleman testifying how God healed him after Gary laid hands on him and prayed the night before. He had severe infection in his gums that left his face swollen. The next day all symptoms were gone.



CD BLESSINGS REACHING REMOTE AREAS

Praise God for a way to get the Full-Gospel teaching to those who cannot come get it themselves. Jesus said for us to go into all the world with the Good News. That is one reason for our CD ministry – to get the message to those who cannot reach the messenger. In 2009, we sent out 4,896 sermon CD's along with the sermon outlines, free of charge to upcountry pastors and churches.

For those who live outside of Bangkok, it is not easy to access many Christian resources. Many believers are so hungry to know God and understand His Word better. God put it on our hearts to help them, so each month we mail over 400 CD's to bless pastors and their members in rural Thailand. These messages are used in many ways to encourage the church leaders, teach the congregations, and are passed around to others providing good spiritual food to whomever listens.

