



News From Southeast Asia - Keith & Sharon Higginbotham

A New Church & A Graduate's Lessons in Faith

God desires all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth...

1 Tim 2:4

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Mr. Tui is a 2012 Rhema Thailand graduate. Here is his testimony of how God lead him and his wife to minister in Chiang Mai, Thailand, and the lessons they learned about walking by faith (translated and edited).

My wife and I owned our own hair salon, and were doing quite well when my friend and Rhema classmate told me that God was leading him to Chiang Mai to start a church. At first I was not going to go, but then God also began to speak to me about going to Chiang Mai. I prayed to God, "You must tell my wife too." And God did. She and I talked and agreed it was God's will, so we decided to sell the business at a fairly high price, then prayed for a buyer. We continued making plans to move. The timing was crucial. We needed to move during school break, so our children could transfer schools without being setback a year. (continue on page 2)



The Staff of Rhema Thailand

*In back, left to right: Gary & Marlene Hausman, Keith & Sharon, Joe & May.
In front, left to right: Ann, Tum, Golf, Yo, Mod, Tai, Paiboon, Som*

As I waited for the business to sell, I felt frustrated and asked God, "Why hasn't anyone bought the business yet?" Just then, a friend called and asked why I set the price for my shop so high. "If you get that much income, do you think that you will not need God's help when you go to Chiang Mai?" That is exactly what I thought. I planned to use that money starting the ministry. My wife and I prayed again and lowered the price. Still nothing happened. Again, I asked God and immediately He answered me. A new believer called my cell phone and was surprised that I was still in Bangkok. I told her the business had not yet sold so I didn't have the money. As we talked, I realized that we had faith, and we confessed our faith, but we had not acted on our faith. We prayed and put the salon in God's hands, and as a step of faith, decided to move the next week. This same lady bought airline tickets for my family and me. Now, we needed money for shipping and school tuition. Then my uncle called and offered to pay our shipping. Next, our home church blessed us with an offering.

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In Chiang Mai, we located the new church and our new hair salon in side-by-side shops. On Sundays, the hair salon becomes the children's church. Now, there are 10 adults plus kids attending every Sunday and we are expecting more.

Thank you to all who, with your prayers and support, help us win the lost and train believers to be ministers and messengers of God's Good News of Salvation in Southeast Asia.

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Following the Lord

The 10 new believers in the banner photo on the first page (one on the far right cannot be seen) are following the Lord, making their faith public through water baptism. Most of these are recent converts, while a couple have made a slow, cautious approach to Christ. Now fully convinced they are showing their commitment to Jesus their Lord! Yes!

