

THAILAND NEWS

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DEAR PASTOR AND CHURCH:

January to May 2021



“As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.” (Proverbs 25:25). We praise the Lord that in spite of the 3rd wave of virus overspread in Thailand during the month of March, seven souls followed the Lord in believer’s baptism on May 23. Three of these are Thai believers from the Karen Ethnic group who moved to Chiang Mai city from the western border province of Tak in the city of Mae Sot. The other four are Filipina teachers whom I have met during my one year of voluntary work at the Chiang Mai Immigration Office through the assignment with the local Thai Foundation here. This Baptism was delayed for almost five months because of the government advisory; we are not allowed to gather more than ten people publicly,

even in the church services since January due to the daily infections. The Leiview Hotel where we moved from the former Buaraya Hotel was also closed down by the government, and so are most hotels in the city. The only ones who continue to operate are the 5-star hotels, but their function rooms are expensive to rent even just for Sunday services. We use at least three different homes alternately every month and have our service through Facebook Live to avoid detection by the police. It was only on the 23rd of May that the government allowed us to gather more than ten but less than fifty, so we were able to hold our Lord’s Supper service on the first Sunday of June. Friday night is still our regular Home Bible study, though we have to minimize our singing as neighbors might complain and report us to the authorities; we have to keep a low profile. Praise God that because of your precious prayers, none of us have yet been infected by the virus. Our Akha MaeSuai Baptist mission in Chaing Rai has been totally locked down for five months. Our Akha pastor doesn’t have the capacity to do online but maintains visit of members by home Bible study. The same situation with the Akha Children’s center - it is also locked down. The last ministry we did there was way back in December 2020. We continue whatever it takes to get the Gospel out here in the Buddhist Kingdom being aware of the safety protocols. Thank you for your continued trust in us, representing you in this part of the world. Our immediate family is still safe and sound. Glory to God for His faithfulness and abounding grace of life. The Lord bless us all in Jesus Christ and may He find us faithful until He comes again!



Jason and Pricila SUMATRA

SUMATRA FINANCIAL REPORT – January – May 2021

January 2021

Balance from December 2020.....	US \$1,091.03
U.S. Support.....	2078.00
Christmas Offering: Rodgers BC, Garland, TX.....	488.00
Special offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches)	<u>99.50</u>
Total Funds available	US \$4,006.53

Expenses: (Avg. Rate for January US \$1.00 = 29.50 Baht)

Condo Rent 2 rooms – Chiang Mai	US \$225.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP - home/mobile).....	250.00
Supplies (Food, House/Office Supplies, Misc.)	710.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	206.00
Subsidy for John Mark.....	250.00
Bibles, Materials, Tracts	350.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent & misc. expenses)	295.00
Thai Vehicle + Annual Tax	750.00
January 2021 Car Payment (Phils.).....	446.00
Transferwise Fees.....	<u>36.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$3,518.00

February 2021

Balance from January	US \$360.03
U.S. Support.....	2,057.00
S. Offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland- Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches)	<u>99.00</u>
Total Funds available	US \$2,716.03

Expenses: (Avg Rate for February US \$1.00 = 30.00 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$216.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP - home/mobile).....	260.00
Home Supplies - Thailand	650.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	210.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent)	295.00
Thai Vehicle.....	533.00
February 2021 Car Payment (Philippines)	440.00
Transferwise Fees.....	<u>21.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,625.00

March 2021

Balance from February	US \$467.03
U.S. Support.....	2,340.00
Asian Support (2 churches)	<u>100.00</u>
Total Funds available	US \$2,907.03

Expenses: (Avg Rate for March US \$1.00 = 30.25 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$214.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP – home/mobile)	290.00
Pricila new cellphone.....	275.00
Home Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.)	495.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	210.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent)	295.00
Thai Vehicle + Inspection/Registration	650.00
March 2021 Car Payment (Philippines).....	445.00
Transferwise Fees.....	<u>18.00</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,892.00

April 2021

Balance from March	US \$1,082.03
U.S. Support	2,247.00
Asian Support (2 churches).....	<u>95.00</u>
Total Funds available	US \$3,424.03

Expenses: (Avg Rate for April US \$1.00 = 30.50 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$213.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP – home/mobile).....	310.00
Home Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.)	600.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul	200.00
Life IBC -Subsidy for Lord's Supper Set expenses	165.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support / rent)	300.00
Akha Children's Center Food, Misc. Exp	405.00
Thai Vehicle (maintenance)	626.00
April 2021 Car Payment (Philippines)	446.00
Transferwise Fees.....	<u>21.00</u>
Total Expenses	US \$3,256.00

May 2021

Balance from April.....	US \$296.03
U.S. Support	1,881.00
Asian Support (2 churches).....	<u>101.00</u>
Total Funds available	US \$2,278.03

Expenses: (Avg Rate for May US \$1.00 = 30.50 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai	US \$213.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP – home/mobile).....	300.00
Home Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.)	450.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul	230.00
Work Permit Annual Renewal/Extension	150.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support / rent)	300.00
Thai Vehicle	547.00
May 2021 Car Payment (Philippines).....	445.00
Transferwise Fees.....	<u>20.00</u>
Total Expenses	US \$2,655.00