

Merry Christmas from Bangkok!

It hardly seems possible that almost two years ago we left our home in Nacogdoches, Texas and traveled around the world to begin a new ministry in one of the world's megacities. We are so thankful to you our prayer partners and friends for your faithful prayer and financial support. Without the generous gifts of Southern Baptists through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering we could not be here at this critical time in the history of Thailand.

Bangkok, with its population of more than 12 million is today struggling to recover from the massive and unprecedented damage and destruction caused by the worst flooding in more than 50 years. Apart from the death toll which is approaching 700, the human suffering caused by this natural disaster is taking its toll in so many other ways.

Though many Americans have heard about the flooding in Thailand, most do not realize how utterly devastating the situation is for the Thai people who have been affected by the flooding. Factories are flooded, businesses are flooded, and people's homes are still underwater. Many people are still living in homes with standing water. Others have fled to neighboring provinces to escape and live with relatives or stay in temporary housing.

Even as the waters start to slowly recede and people make their way back to their homes and neighborhoods, there are new challenges to be faced. Homes need to be cleaned, food and water needs to be distributed, people need to be encouraged and helped through this time of unprecedented flooding.

What are we doing?

1. Recently we were trained in disaster relief work by a team of Texas Baptist Men who are came to Bangkok.
2. We are preparing to assist churches in ministry to Thai people to share the hope of Jesus and assist them in getting their lives back.
3. We are planning to help clean and rebuild our church that has been under water for almost two months. We will also be visiting the members who are still living in the flood and get supplies to them for cleaning and disinfecting their homes.
4. We are continuing Thai language study.
5. We are seeking God and asking Him to use us during this time of crisis to make Him famous.

What do we need?

1. We need you to pray for us and for Thai churches and Thai Christians.
2. We need you to continue give generously and sacrificially to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and to the Cooperative Program.
3. **We need volunteer teams to come help us minister to the people of Bangkok.**

What can you do?

1. You can come help us. Volunteers and volunteer teams can be a powerful witness and help our work.
2. You can give. The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is a great way to give. And giving your tithe through your church helps support the Cooperative Program. If you would like to contribute specifically to the needs here in Bangkok and our ministry to flood victims, you can contact us by email. There are many needs.
3. You can pray. This is the most important thing you can do. Please pray for the salvation of the people of Thailand.