

# Thailand Missions

## The Burdette Family

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MONTHLY PRAYER LETTER

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2009

### Spiritual Warfare and Spiritual Growth



We have been on the field now for two and a half years, what an experience! It is great to see the Lord's hand on the work here but it has not been without some struggles. In many respects spiritual warfare here is no different than in America but there are some differences when it comes to Idolatry, spirit worship and religion. One of the greatest struggles we face is religion.

We work very hard to teach people about Jesus Christ but Satan works equally as hard to undo that. The schools are tough for Christian children, peer pressure is leaning strong on our teenagers and society here allows far more than America would let slide by (at least for now). I know that the power of the gospel is infinitely greater than that of our adversaries. God is moving here in so many ways and I pray that many will come to Christ. Please pray for the churches here that God would do a mighty work and please pray for Thailand that God would move through this land convicting hearts that He is Real and that He is God.

### Reaching Out

We live in a small village on the edge of the city of Udon Thani and have built relationships with many people in the village. Our neighbor next door speaks English well so we talk almost everyday. We hope to get close enough to open a conversation about spiritual matters. In a Buddhist nation it is not always wise to force an "American's" religion on them but to share with them the truth about where Christianity originated, starting with the fact that there is a creator God works best.

There is a man that does the odds and ends in this village (including snake removal) that I have built a relationship with. This week I was able to share a little with him about my past and how that God delivered me from some of the same things that he struggles with. The saying is true, people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.



**Mark 13:34** For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. **35** Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning: **36** Lest coming suddenly he find you sleeping. **37** And what I say unto you I say unto all, Watch.

### Two births in the last two months.

Praise the Lord, Danny and Rachel Jones had baby Laura and members of the church in Khon kaen Kurt and Pui had baby Kaylee. Two beautiful girls

### Prayer Request

- That God would turn the hearts of the Thai people to Him.
- Safety for the Sims on furlough
- That we would learn the Thai language rapidly
- Udon Thani Baptist Church
- Khon Kaen Baptist Church
- Bro. David Leak (deputation)

### Special Needs

- Mission Vehicle Payoff : **\$9075.00**
- Home Schooling Materials and shipping **\$1900.00**
- Visa and Passport work: **\$750.00**

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## August Finances

Burdette	Finacial Report	General
Brentwood MBC Crockett Ca.	\$	100.00
Brush Creek MBC	\$	50.00
Calvary MBC Silsbee Tx.	\$	100.00
Calvery LMBC Coachella Ca.	\$	162.27
Cedar Springs BC Russell Springs KY	\$	100.00
Central BC, Bedford TX	\$	100.00
Fairhaven BC–Mesquite, TX	\$	200.00
Faith BC North Little Rock AR	\$	150.00
Faith MBC Concord CA	\$	109.50
FBC Of Inwood WV	\$	100.00
First BC of Littlestown Pa	\$	81.00
Landmark MBC Hesperia CA	\$	50.00
Lighthouse BC Pollock Pines Ca	\$	22.00
Maplewood BC–Martinsburg, WV	\$	298.69
New Home West BC, Wetumpka, AL	\$	100.00
North Little Rock MBC	\$	50.00
North Little Rock Youth Rally	\$	240.00
Oak Grove MBC Benton AR	\$	600.00
Oaklawn BC Hot Springs AR	\$	100.00
Sixty–Fifth St BC Little Rock AK	\$	120.00
Sublett Rd BC–Arlington, TX	\$	50.00
Total	\$	2,883.46
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Salary	\$	2,000.00
Car Payment	\$	311.00
House Payment	\$	502.00
missions Exp.	\$	298.50
Total Exp. out	\$	3,111.00

## September Finances

Burdette	Finacial Report	General
Bayside BC Santa Cruz Ca.	\$	100.00
Brentwood MBC Crockett Ca.	\$	100.00
Brush Creek MBC	\$	50.00
Calvary MBC Silsbee Tx.	\$	100.00
Calvery LMBC Coachella Ca.	\$	263.32
Cedar Springs BC Russell Springs KY	\$	110.00
Central BC, Bedford TX	\$	100.00
Cypress BC Sacramento Ca(ABA)	\$	200.00
Fairhaven BC–Mesquite, TX	\$	200.00
Faith MBC Concord CA	\$	116.75
FBC Of Inwood WV	\$	100.00
First BC of Littlestown Pa	\$	94.00
Greater Heights Baptist Fellowship	\$	240.00
Landmark MBC Hesperia CA	\$	54.00
Landmark MBC Stockton CA	\$	357.88
Liberty Baptist Church Jennings La.	\$	175.00
Lighthouse BC Pollock Pines Ca	\$	81.00
Maplewood BC–Martinsburg, WV	\$	246.88
New Home West BC, Wetumpka, AL	\$	200.00
North Little Rock MBC	\$	50.00
Oaklawn BC Hot Springs AR	\$	100.00
Sixty–Fifth St BC Little Rock AK	\$	120.00
Skyline MBC, Madison AL	\$	125.00
Sublett Rd BC–Arlington, TX	\$	50.00
Bethel Ladies Aux.	\$	40.00
Total	\$	3,373.83
Salary	\$	2,000.00
Car Payment	\$	311.00
House Payment	\$	502.00
Missions Exp.	\$	310.00
Total Exp. out	\$	3,121.00

# Whats happening on the Field

**T**here is always something going on here in the North Eastern region of Thailand. Thailand has just finished it's Buddhist Lent, where the monks in training are able to go back to their families after spending a few months at the Buddhist temple serving. This is a time of festivities and much celebration with fire works and music. We pray for the Thai people that God will do something in their hearts so that the message will be accepted and that Christ will become their God. We know that it is Gods will that all come to repentance and that all will be saved but many will reject Him. Many of the new believers that have been coming did not come last week because they were afraid of the persecution they would face from their friends and family for shunning such a holiday and occasion. Still many came knowing they would be picked on and talked about. There are always the faithful and always the wishy washy. People are at different levels in their walks and may see things different the next time around. I did.

## Home Schooling

Our home Schooling has been going well. Having four children learning at different grade levels can be a challenge but it is also rewarding seeing them grow. All

of our children are trying to learn the Thai language as well please pray for them as they work to learn Thai.



## Foundation Work

We have been steady working with the Heart to Heart Foundation teaching English and doing what is required for us to keep our Visas to stay in this country. We have many different ways that we may work in this foundation including translation, teaching and community service. When we first came to Thailand I was teaching English in a public school which was great but when the country passed a new law for volunteers requiring us to take a special test that forced to look for work elsewhere. We were blessed to have the Heart to Heart Foundation as our new opportunity for work stay in the country. Now things are going well, God is so good. We are currently on break from teaching until school is back in session but I look forward to what God has for us next. New classes new faces new opportunities.



## Growing Mushrooms and Raising Fish

We have been able to go to several seminars that teach the church people how make a living

on their own . Mostly teaching how to raise animals, Fish and vegetables to sell at markets. I was able to go and help build a stand for selling mushrooms. Having been a carpenter I was enjoying myself but I must admit I was a little rusty hitting the nails, My hammer was like lightning out there never hitting the same place twice. But I was invited back to help build a mushroom growing building. I am enjoying the work here in Thailand there are so many things to do and they are so different from each other so it keeps everything interesting.

## Adapting to the Culture

Thank you for your prayers, we have been adapting to Thailand in the last few months in many ways. Although this language is very difficult I have been able to do more than ever before as far as teaching, preaching and just plain speaking. Telling people about our Lord is a privilege and we realize it more and more having to concentrate on every word we are saying and what they are asking in their native tongue. Praise the Lord we are able to share what we came here to share. Also Please continue to pray for the Sims family they will be back on the field soon and have many decisions to make .

God Bless. TTFN