

All Glory to God for our *FAITHFUL MISSIONARIES*

On a typical Sunday morning worship, as I sit on the pew listening to Pastor Fredric praying, I already know part of his prayer. Whenever he prays, he will always remember to pray for our missionaries Romans and Ivy, Rosanna, Pastor Michael, Ze Wen and Chih Chiang. Do our JCC members know who are these people and their work?

Therefore, I thought what better time to talk about our missionaries on Mission Month and JCC members can pray for them as they sacrifice themselves to be away from their loved ones and from the comfort of their homes in Singapore. They are the ones at the forefront bringing the gospel to some foreign land. Pearl and I will share some updates from the different mission fields.

Thailand

Romans is our LCS missionary sent to Thailand six years ago together with his wife Ivy. They are members of Bedok Lutheran Church and have a son, Kevin. They have been involved in the **Afternoon Activity Ministry** in a slum area on the outskirts of Bangkok, reaching out to slum kids. The children will come in to join this Afternoon Activity after their school hour, as most



Romans, Ivy and son, Kevin

do not have any adult supervision after school. Recently, they have been relocated to a church building, and it turned out to be a blessing as the youths of the church started helping out. This also gave Romans the opportunity to minister to the youths, encouraging them to grow spiritually.

Romans, together with a local pastor and a Finnish missionary, is planning a combined youth camp for the six districts of the Evangelical Lutheran Church Thailand in Oct 2022. Pray for God's wisdom as they guide the youth council and train youth leaders to be ready and committed. Pray also that God may spur the hearts of the youth

campers, as they are the ones who will be the foundation of the future next generation of Christians in Thailand.

God has been faithful in so many ways, and even as the fund runs dry in these uncertain times, God's providence through generous giving came in at the right time. It is a great affirmation and encouragement for Romans in his ministry. Pray for wisdom, strength and good health for him and his family to reach out to the slum kids and to minister to the youths.

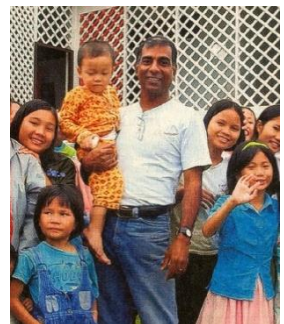
Rosanna, our LCS missionary is also from Bedok Lutheran Church. Her mission field is in the Northern Thailand and she shares the gospel in the market place in those districts. She came back to Singapore for a break before the Covid19 situation started and now she is unable to go back to Thailand as the borders are closed. Pray she will be able to get her visa to Thailand to continue her work when borders reopen.

Chih Chiang and Bee (his Thai wife), our own JCC members serves full time in Campus Crusade for Christ. In July, Chih Chiang was officially transferred to Campus Crusade in Thailand to serve in university campuses in Bangkok for a year. However, with the Covid19 situation he is not able to go yet as borders are closed. This did not stop him from working with his Thai colleagues. In fact, they are currently doing online ministry and discipleship with the undergraduates. They have explored various social media platforms and apps to connect and build relationships with the university students. Pray for Chih Chiang and Bee's ministry to be fruitful as they await the opening of the borders, trusting in God's timing and empowering.



Nias, Indonesia

Pastor Michael was our JCC former pastor many years ago. He felt the calling to go to the island of Nias in Indonesia to start work there. He established **Tomorrow's Hope** which is a home for children whose parents are unable to care and provide for them because of family problems and



finances. Generous supporters fund the expenses of the children's home. In the morning, the children will go to school and when they return home, they will take care of their own washing with the older children helping the younger ones. Pastor Michael nurtures them spiritually leading them in daily devotion and bible study. He is assisted by other staff members to run the logistics of the home.

Recently, with the Covid19 situation, prices of food have shot up and the Home looked into producing their own vegetables. As the Home sits on ten hectares of land, they started their own farming and they have been successful, harvesting the fruits of their labor. They have successfully grown different kinds of vegetables and fruits and continue to experiment with new ones. Harvest has been so plentiful that they were able to sell their produce at the market, share with their neighbors and have many meals of the same vegetables. Initially they started animal farming with three goats and now have ten! With the encouraging results and excitement, they are thinking of the next project, rearing chickens. Indeed God's blessing is overflowing and His Grace sufficient through these difficult times. Pray for good health for Pastor Michael and the children and God's grace to continue to sustain them through this Covid19 situation.



Cambodia



Another milestone for the Lutheran Church in Cambodia: Ordination of Ps. Tuch Sreyliak in Nov 2019 and also as Chairperson for Executive

Committee of Lutheran Church in Cambodia

COVID-19 took the world to a standstill. The missions' plan of many churches fell through as overseas partnering churches could no longer send short term mission teams to Cambodia. Yet in this season, the Lutheran Church in Cambodia (LCC) continues to see God move in their communities.

September saw the opening of a new outreach community center in Kandal Province anchored by Ps. Vannak. A few days before the opening day, they received news that churches may now resume with worship services after being closed for six months. How timely it is!



Opening of Kandal Outreach Community Center on 12 September 2020

In the same month, Rev. Berta and Sis. Sreyyeh, a final year Bible School student took over the work at Tang Krang Community Centre (TKCC). They will be ministering to the youth and the elderly in the area. City Church also welcomed Ps. Thy KimMeng on board as a new part-time pastor.

Please keep the new leaders and workers serving at the respective outreach points in prayer as they serve and reach out to the various communities.

Over at Krous Church, besides not being able to host overseas team, they also had instructions that non-Cambodians were not allowed to enter the village as part of safety measures. Despite it all, Krous Church continues to grow and mature in the Lord.

On 16 August, 15 youths and adults got baptized! What a joy it is to see the Krous family grow. With young people aged 1 and 25 representing 50% of the total Cambodian population, the church continues in their efforts to reach out to the youths and mentor them. A sports ministry has even been initiated to reach out to the boys in the village.



What a day to rejoice as Krous Church baptizes 15 new members into the family of God! Hallelujah!

While remembering the youths, they did not forget the elderly, too. Proposed by Chak Mun (ZeWen) and led by Sis. Saran (a pastoral staff at City Church), a group of interns got together and planned for home visitation to families who were part of the eye surgery mission the past two years from Tang Krang Community Centre and Krous Church. Some of these beneficiaries have suffered loss of income during the pandemic and were struggling to make ends meet. The team identified the families to visit and made plans for 3 visits over a period of 2 months. Each time they go, they would bring a food pack, minister Christ to them and pray with them. This was an opportunity not only to bless the villagers but also gave the interns from the city a chance to be exposed to ministry in the rural areas.

Jurong Christian Church was privileged to partner with them on this occasion by providing monetary support for the purchase of food packs.



Thank you Jurong Christian Church for partnering with LCC for this visitation project! Please continue to pray that God moves in the hearts of these villagers. If anyone would like a copy of the visitation report, please send the request to jccemissions@gmail.com with subject header, "Eye Surgery Mission Visitation Report"

COVID-19 deterred the missions plans of many churches, but God is not deterred. As this article shares, <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/from-killing-fields-to-harvest-fields-why-christianity-is-growing-in-cambodia/>, GOD IS MOVING. Let us continue to partner in prayers and support. For prayer resources for the land Cambodia, you may visit <https://omf.org/resources-for-mission/the-task-unfinished/cambodia-prayer-resources/>

"As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." ~ John 9:4

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