

AMAZED-LEE

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“The people were amazed when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled made well, the lame walking and the blind seeing. And they praised the God of Israel.”
Matthew 15:31

A field report...

In this edition, I thought I might share an update from a colleague who works in Southeast Asia. When God first called them to serve there, they had a vision to create a library of Christian resources for Thai believers. They have been able to achieve the initial goals of that vision. The Thai library now contain 4,000 files which can be accessed on the internet or from a USB flash drive, for those without internet access.

The website went online October 1, 2008. Since January 2009, website usage has increased 180% and over 50% of the users come back over and over again. Some of the most popular resources are materials for teaching Bible stories to children. My colleagues report,

“We have met several children’s teachers who have told us how grateful they are for this website because it enables them to be better teachers. Many have limited education and to have lessons that guide them gives them confidence in what they teach.” In addition to the website, over 700 USB flash drives have been purchased by pastors and Christian leaders around the country.

In March, 160 pastors attending a pastors conference purchased a UBS flash drive. From that event my colleague reports, “They were very excited to receive this tool. Many have expressed how helpful they were. One pastor told us he uses it every week to prepare his message.”

Resources are important...

As with most places in the world, Thailand has an immense value attached to religion. The majority, 94% of people living in Thailand practice Buddhism. Of the remaining people, 3.9% are Muslims, 1.7% are Confucianists and 0.65% are Christians. As you can see, the Christian population in this country is quite small. Access to Christian resources becomes an important part of strengthening the church and believers in this country. The work of colleagues like mine in MAF-LT is making an impact around the world.



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Life on a line...

Recently I found myself standing on the side of a canyon, looking over the edge at the bottom some 670 feet below. After I recovered from the dizziness looking over the edge caused, I put on a harness, attached the main rope, and then attached to the safety line. Before I knew it, I was over the edge, dangling by a string. While hanging there, I was safe and secure, inching my way down to the bottom of the canyon. With my faith placed in two ropes, I was simultaneously overcome by the beauty, and scared to death. There were times I could not see the bottom nor the end of the rope, but I knew I would reach the bottom. After I got to the bottom and had some time to reflect, I realized that if I did not have faith in the line or harness I would not have

gone over the edge. When I felt my weight being supported by the equipment I realized how safe and secure I was.

This little experience has several connections with fundraising. The harness is my faith that connects me to God. God is the main rope that held me secure. The safety line represents the community of people who are supporting me along this journey. There is so much encouragement that comes from knowing that there is a group of people who are in this with me, encouraging me, praying for me, and providing the financial support that allows me to participate in this ministry.

Without a safety line, going over the edge of a canyon seems impossible, but with that line in place, it becomes much easier to take that first step over the ledge. Thanks to everyone on the line!



Praise and Prayer...

- **Pray**...for the remaining ongoing support, \$1785 per month, to come in quickly! My team is ready and waiting for my arrival in Idaho.
- **Pray**...for continued connections with people and churches who would join my team.
- **Praise**...for all the ministry partners who are in this with me.
- **Praise**...for the added confirmation of reaching 65%!
- **Praise**...for safe travel to Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Financial Update...

I am now at 65% for ongoing support, with only \$1785/month left to go. If the Lord leads you to consider supporting this ministry, ongoing support can be given monthly, quarterly, or yearly.

Giving options...

- Give online at www.MAF.org/donate
- Use the enclosed response envelope
- Call 1-800-FLYS-MAF, ask for Donor Services
- If you have questions, please contact me at LMOSLEY@MAF.ORG or 317-752-5658

PROGRESS TO THE GOAL

\$3,315/month

65%

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25%

50%

75%

100%

\$1,785
per month
to go!

THE GOAL

Monthly
\$5,100