



## **"COMMITTEES, CARTHAGE, & CHRISTMAS!"**



GROUP ACTION when run well can be a great blessing for its members, as well as achieving the intended goals. The shepherds proved this at the first Christmas! They made sure the Christ child

was duly welcomed, as well as themselves receiving great blessing, as they returned home with great joy! Some of our recent activities have highlighted this.

**The Committee of NTC** (Network of Thai Christians UK) had a two-day retreat mid-November, and these benefits were enjoyed during their stay at our home.

The warmth of fellowship was very noticeable in their time together, with business sessions interspersed with times of worship, personal sharing, fun games, and enjoying home-made food (made by the members in our newly extended kitchen).



Issues covered included the wellbeing and progress of the 15 fellowship groups, planning for next years fellowship weekends and annual Camp, plus a range of important admin issues.

*\* Pray that as committee members are trained in their various responsibilities, and do these more and more, they have the wisdom, patience and skill needed.*

*\* Pray for a freshness and creativity in all NTC activities, so all group members will in unity rejoice in their walk with the Lord, and their service for Him.*



**Tunisia.** One of our personal aims is to keep ourselves mentally stimulated as well as physically refreshed. So last month we did a 10-day historical tour of Tunisia.

*"The angel said "I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord". (Luke 2.10-11)*

The tour covered archaeological sites from ancient Carthage, to Roman and Islamic periods. Our 19 member group covered the country from top to bottom, staying in 6 different hotels, and soaking up the fascinating local culture of the country.

As for the spiritual need of the country, we noted that this land had once been a centre of the Christian faith (St Augustine of Hippo), but presently has only a tiny Christian presence (0.22%).

*Please pray that spiritual seeds planted in this land will bear fruit in good time.*

**Thai Christmas Celebrations** Thai believers have a unique opportunity at Christmas time to share their faith, as well as rejoice together in the coming of the Saviour.

Group members are encouraged to invite their Thai friends along to their meetings, and to share in the celebrations.



Worthing Christmas Bible study

Usually it is just one or two who come, but still it is an important first step, paving the way for future sharing.

With a number of our members visiting relatives in Thailand during December, several groups have already had their celebration, and most of the others are in the first part of December.

*Please pray for all the Thai group Christmas celebrations to come, especially Oxford (6<sup>th</sup> Dec), Manchester (8<sup>th</sup>), and West Midlands (13<sup>th</sup>).*

### **Also for prayer**

\* For carrying out the decisions of the Committee Retreat, in arranging next year's Camp and Fellowship weekends, and all other admin needs.

\* Our distribution of Christmas cards (with bible verse) to 20 houses in our street.

\* For Hannah, Paul & Grace, and the 4 grandchildren, some facing health challenges at this time, that they may experience physical and spiritual renewal this Christmas, and that we may have precious time together.

Thanks for praying.  
Happy Christmas to you all!

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