

## ***"PACKED!"***

SOMETIMES WE ARE ASKED "HOW ARE YOU DOING?" with the expected answer "busy as always!". But we don't like to give that answer – it lacks the peace and joy that is the birthright of every child of God.

So a more accurate reply, looking back on this past month, is our programme was "packed!" Meaning we couldn't have squeezed in anything else!

The ingredients of this past month have been many and varied, with the following giving a taste:

- \* **Visiting** Though reduced, we still visited the Thai fellowship groups in Swindon, Portsmouth (Worthing group), St Albans, Colchester and Barrow.
- \* **Prayer meetings** on-line with groups included: Thai committee, Manchester Thai group, Thai fellowship group leaders, Sheffield group, & St Mary's church. .
- \* **Thai committee** away weekend in Cambridgeshire, with two days of consultation and planning.



**Thai committee  
away weekend**

- \* **Desk work**, which includes writing lessons and prayer information, contacting groups to confirm meeting arrangements, admin of all kinds!
- \* **Local church** time, especially helping and hosting the St.Mary's church missions committee.
- \* **House work**, whether catering and cleaning covered by Mary, or repairs and maintenance done by David
- \* **Wider family** times included a Cousins' reunion day in Harpenden (north of London); and regular sharing times with both Hannah and Paul's families.
- \* **Relax time** means a daily reading space, a weekly (attempted!) day off, daily gardening, and a weeks caravan holiday in Combe Martin (N.Devon coast).

"You need to cut down!" is a normal response to all this. But with so many blessings poured out on our ministry, reduction is not easy.

*What we do covet is your regular prayer that we may be spiritually bright and fruitful in all our ministry.*

*"Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths straight." (Proverbs 3.5f)*

**Answers to prayer** provide much encouragement along the way. For example, applications for Camp have been down this year, and having in faith booked for 120 places, we had only a total of 97, with only a week to go. And we would still have to pay for the 120!

Earnest prayer was made, and by the send-in day we had 117, with only a modest extra payment needed.

**Preparing for Camp**, many of our members struggle to raise the needed cost; others have shift work commitments that don't allow them to plan ahead.

*Do pray that the door will be open for all the Thai to attend the Camp, and receive the spiritual nurture that 4 days of bible ministry and fellowship will provide for them.*

**Another joy** has been to see new faces at several of our Thai fellowship meetings. The Thai believers are keen to bring in their friends, and we have had newcomers at both the Barrow, Worthing, S.Shields & Colcheseter groups.



**Colchester group  
Mary's 80<sup>th</sup>  
birthday**

*Do pray our vision for growth will be sustained, and many more Thai in the UK will be reached with the Gospel of Christ.*

### ***Also for prayer***

- \* **Camp**. 22-25 July. Invitations have been sent to many attending Camp to serve in different roles, eg leading prayer groups. Pray that all respond positively. Pray too for finance to cover extra expenses.
- \* **Sad news**. On 29<sup>th</sup> May, John Green, husband of Seehaa of our Worthing group, died of a heart attack. John was very supportive of the Thai work over many years. Pray for Seehaa in her time of need.
- \* **Exams**. Grandchildren Isobel and Sally continue with their exams for A-levels and GCSE's this month; pray they cope well, and have good success.
- \* **Mary's** health continues to improve, but she is still troubled by ongoing back pain; pray for healing.

Thanks for praying!

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