

**“I will build my church.’ You, dear believer, must know that these words of your Lord Jesus have more force in them than all the created power of heaven, earth or hell ... therefore, know your strength ... and get up your faith.” Thomas Goodwin**

Dear Friend,

We are at a loss without your prayers. How can we go forward without you standing with us? When you pray, we are mercied; and when we are mercied, our faith is strong. Your prayers are bearing fruit.

**In Vietnam:** The 35 church planter trainers we are equipping gave us the most encouraging news when we asked them, “What you envision doing in the next year, after you complete this training in August?” As a group, they said they envisioned holding 91 trainings in their areas of influence, expecting 15 persons at each three-day training. By God’s grace, that would be over 1,300 persons given vision and skills to plant a church. These 35 have training notes and manuals in their own languages (Vietnamese, Zao, and Hmong). **Oh, pray the Lord of the Harvest would graciously grant these 35 all manner of grace, strength perseverance, and provision to fulfill their kingdom-advancing desires.**



*Church Planters Developing Strategies.*

**In Laos:** We had a very successful **Pastoring of Pastors (PoP)** introductory seminar. 18 lead ministry couples gathered to enrich their understanding and caring skills for other shepherds of God’s people. **Pray that the Good Shepherd would minister to his people according to the prayer in Micah 7:14,15.** Also in Laos, there was another successful advanced equipping for 22 pastors and leaders in Inductive Bible Study (IBS) methods. **Pray that the Spirit would bring the Word home to the hearts of the leaders with power and understanding.**

**In Singapore:** Debbie worked with a group of colleagues and equipped them via the **Flourish** life skills curriculum. This group of women plan to return home and reproduce the lessons throughout their own networks. **Pray for their wisdom, discretion, and faith action in application.**

**In Thailand:** Encouraging reports from the OCGA team and their church planting efforts so far in 2019.

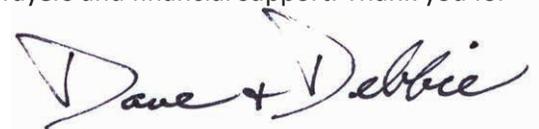
*At the **Phitsanoluk** network in the northeastern part of Thailand, they now have 44 new churches, 157 group fellowships that are in the process of church formation with 1017 new believers and 226 baptisms. They will start at least two new networks led by the Thai trainers.*

*At the **Hatyai** network in the very southern portion of Thailand, they established 34 Outreach Bible Studies (OBS) with 156 new believers and 41 baptisms; they have already started a second generation network.*

*At the **Bangkok** network, they now have 61 OBS, with 214 new believers and 14 baptisms.*

We realize we would be unable to bear any fruit were it not for your faithful prayers and financial support. Thank you for standing with us. We cherish our gospel partnership.

Yours in the Harvest,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave & Debbie".