



Light Baptist Church



Brother A teaching music

The Guay Family - Your missionaries in Thailand

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Dear Friends,

We are excited to be able to tell you about a good problem that we are having. We are finally outgrowing the church building! The church can seat no more than 40 people, so when we have special occasions, like Christmas, we always have our services outside. Now for the past month, we have consistently had 40 or more people for our morning services! Just a couple of years ago, we mostly had small children coming to church, but now we have about 1/3 adults, 1/3 teens, and 1/3 kids. We are also averaging about 25 people on Sunday and Wednesday nights. It is such a blessing to see the church crowded!

We have a plan to make our church building bigger. We rent 2 buildings. One is used for the church and the other is a single story apartment building that we have converted into our house and Sunday school rooms. At first we rented only a few of the apartments, but as people have moved out, we have gradually been able to rent the whole building. There are 3 apartments that we plan to convert into one large room to use as the Church's auditorium. That will seat over 100 people! The other building will then be used for Children's church and for Sunday school. We are saving money to be able to afford the renovations. One of our church members is a soldier, and she and her husband think that a group of soldiers would be willing to do much of the construction for free or very cheaply. Please pray that we will be able to accomplish this soon, and that we will outgrow the new church quickly too!

God has been sending people who are eager to serve Him too. One new family has really jumped in and helped. Our son, Matthew, has now moved to Bangkok,

where he plans to live after he gets married in December. Matthew was our pianist and song leader. One man, Brother A, volunteered to play the guitar for our services, and he is even teaching the church kids to play the guitar and ukulele. A teenage boy has become our song leader. Brother A also took over teaching Matthew's Sunday school class. We miss having Matthew with us, but we are thankful that God prepared others to fill in for him at the church. It is such a blessing to see the members of the church getting more involved in serving in the church.

We so appreciate all of the prayers about our visa situation. All the paperwork is now in order for us to get a new missionary work permit and a one year visa. We will be going to Laos one more time on Nov. 6th to apply for the visa. Please pray that everything will go smoothly, and also please pray that the organization that we get our visas through will be able to continue giving missionary visas.

Richard had to have sinus surgery this month. The surgery was successful and seems to have put an end to constant pain and chronic infections. However he had an allergic reaction to a medicine that was given to him during the surgery. His face was red and swollen, and the nurses said that they had never seen such a bad reaction. We are so thankful that they were able to get the reaction under control quickly.

Kristi's health has been much better since she began eating a gluten free diet. She still has nerve damage, but we are so thankful for the great improvements in her health.

Thank you for taking the time to pray for us and our ministry here. We are so thankful for you!

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Romans 10:14