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Making the gospel accessible in Southeast Asia.



# LETTER FROM THE MILLERS

Dear Partners,

It has been another wonderful year where we have so much to be thankful for and to praise Him for! Through our newsletters and social media posts, we try give you a glimpse into what the Lord is doing here in Bangkok. Our annual report serves the same purpose. It's not exhaustive, but it gives you a good idea of how God is using us here.

In 2018, our roles in our respective ministries have become more clearly defined. Bobbi Jo primarily serves the children at Construction of Hope. She's the lead English teacher at the ministry and also the brains behind many of the special projects. Matt continues to teach and preach at Tairomprakhun Church Bangkok. The was the first time the church allowed a westerner to perform baptisms. Matt baptized 23 people!

All of this is made possible through your partnership. So let us say to you what the Apostle Paul said to Philemon: "For we have derived much joy and comfort from your love...because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you."

Matt, Bobbi Jo, Lexi, and Jude

# YOUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL: BAPTISMS

The numbers below all have real people behind them. Most of them spent their lives practicing Buddhism, before hearing the gospel, being cut to the heart, and being baptized to have their sins washed away. Others were members at Tairomprakhun, or other churches, who had a low view of baptism. Upon coming to understand the significance of baptism, seeing what the Bible says about it, they too had their hearts moved to biblically respond to the gospel.

When we visit with you we make it a point to say we are an extension of you and your church. The baptisms that came about, in part, through our relationship building and preaching and teaching, are baptisms that would not happen without your partnership. Thus, we encourage you to rejoice in this just as you would if people at your home church were baptized.



Number of individuals Matt had the privilege of baptizing at Tairomprakhun Church.



Number of people baptized across all of Tairomprakhun's campuses this year.



Number of people Matt baptized in our community pool this year.

FOR AS MANY OF YOU AS WERE BAPTIZED INTO CHRIST  
HAVE PUT ON CHRIST. THERE IS NEITHER JEW NOR GREEK,  
THERE IS NEITHER SLAVE NOR FREE, THERE IS NO MALE  
AND FEMALE, FOR YOU ARE ALL ONE IN CHRIST JESUS.

GALATIANS 3:26-27

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# IT IS REQUIRED OF STEWARDS THAT THEY BE FOUND FAITHFUL.

1 CORINTHIANS 4:2

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## WHAT THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT TRANSLATES TO

While we do not use the Annual Report to detail all of our incoming funds and outgoing expenses (we provide this upon request), we do want to be transparent and give you a general idea of how we are stewarding the financial resources entrusted to us. The entire report will accomplish this goal, but below we have provided, in bullet point form, a comprehensive list of our various expenses here on the field:

- Language Acquisition
- Rent and Basic Housing Costs
- Tuition/Fees for Lexi and Jude
- Micro-loans (small, interest free)
- Medical/Life Insurance
- Tairomprakhun Church Expenses
- Construction of Hope Expenses
- Web Hosting & Email Expenses
- VISA, Work Permit Expenses
- Retirement

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Construction of Hope began in 2012 in Thailand with the desire to share the gospel with migrant construction workers from Cambodia. This desire developed into partnerships with indigenous churches in Thailand and Cambodia to provide education, discipleship, and holistic care for children and to support families through biblical teaching and sustainable business opportunities.

We met the founder of Construction of Hope at a time when the ministry was in dire need of someone who could teach the kids during the week. Simultaneously, Bobbi Jo had been praying for a ministry door to open up where she could utilize her spiritual gifts. A friend always tells us that the best place to be in ministry is where God's need and your gifts and joy come together. Construction of Hope is that ministry for Bobbi Jo.

We currently serve at COH during the week, with Bobbi Jo serving as the Lead English Teacher, while Matt helps out with media marketing. Sometimes pictures speak louder than words and that may be the case here. Below we'll introduce you to the ministry and a few of the kids, but mainly through pictures. The joy written across the faces of both the children at COH and the adults who serve there is the most beautiful thing that we get to see each day. Jesus Christ is greater than their circumstances, and they know it.



# CHARITY SOCCER TOURNAMENT

Prior to coming to Construction of Hope, the children under our care did not have access to education and everything that comes with it. While their parents worked long hours, six days a week, the children would often be left in a metal shack with little to do. Now, one thing that Construction of Hope gives them is exercise. Every Tuesday and Friday they spend the morning doing stretches, drills, and having matches. It's their favorite thing to do during the week. But there are many costs involved in this. The field must be rented, cleats must be purchased, and so on.

So one day we came up with the idea to have an annual charity soccer event, in partnership with our children's school, ICS. The idea turned into a reality on December 15th, and through this event we were able to raise enough money to pay all the expenses for weekly soccer training for the entire year!



# A THIRD LOCATION FOR CONSTRUCTION OF HOPE

Currently, Construction of Hope has two locations: Takeo, Cambodia and Bangkok. In Takeo, there is an orphanage and a small school. On the outskirts of Bangkok, in an area called Bangphli, there is an outdoor education center. We currently minister to the Cambodian children at Bangphli.

Now, though, we are making preparations to launch Construction of Hope: Ramkhamhaeng. Ramkhamhaeng is the area where the church that we serve is located. The idea is to minister to the children of Burmese migrant workers who live in makeshift housing near the church. Many of the Burmese children, just like the Cambodian children, do not have access to education and proper nutrition. In partnership with Construction of Hope and Tairomprakhun Church, we're going to change that.



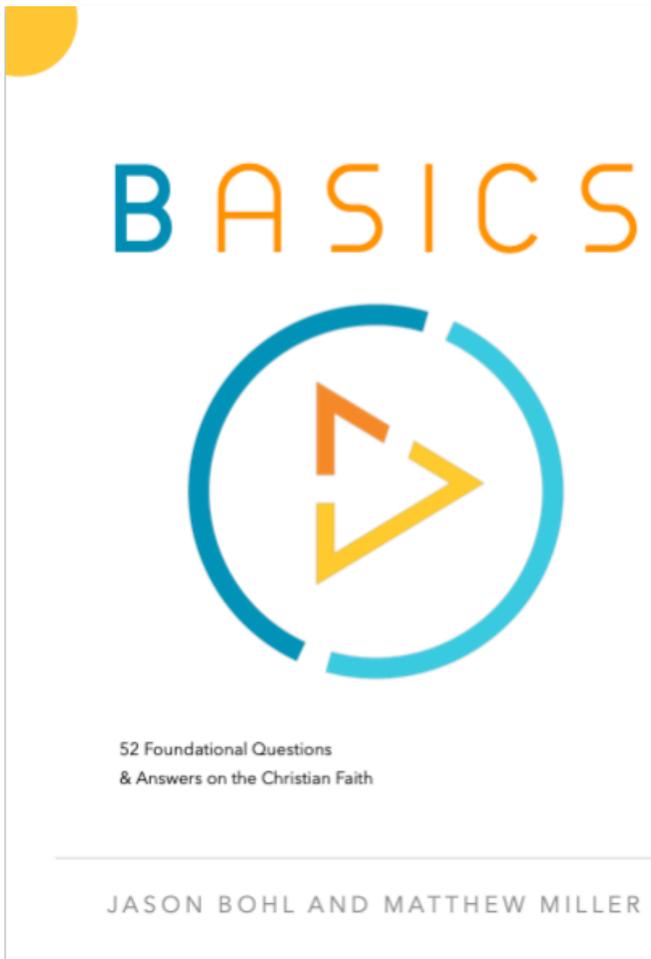
# TAIROMPRAKHUN BANGKOK CHURCH

Matt's primary ministry focus continues to be discipleship. He preaches on a regular basis, teaches two classes every Sunday, teaches a college-aged group on Thursday, and preaches on special occasions such as Christmas Eve, Good Friday, and the Annual Church Retreat.

Matt also had the opportunity this year to teach on baptism and also to be the first westerner to baptize people at Tairomprakhun. Check out the pictures on the next page to get a glimpse of the various ways that we serve the local church.







# CHURCH CURRICULUM FOR THAI CHILDREN

Curriculum for children's church in Thailand simply does not exist. Thus, we have set out to create a 52 week curriculum in Thai that would be made available to any church in the country. We are continuing to work on this project and hope to complete a basic question and answer book by this Summer.

# OUT OF THE DARKNESS AND INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT

Pictured below is Nai and his family. Less than a year ago, Nai's parents kicked him out because of his drug use and 24/7 partying. His life was spiraling out of control and no person or system of belief (think Buddhism) could help him to put his life back together.

Then, one day, he met someone who attends our church. They shared the gospel with him, he began worshipping with our church family, and soon after that was baptized. He became a new creation in Christ.

Nai then returned to his Buddhist family and shared the gospel with them. At first, they didn't warm up to the gospel. But having seen that Nai was radically different, transformed by Christ, his whole family came to believe and was baptized.





# INTENTIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

You'll remember that Matt baptized our neighbor, Team, right before we went on furlough. What you may not know is that Matt baptized her mother-in-law, Siree, as soon as we got back to the field! We continue to pour into this family and they continue to pour into us. Collectively, we pray for the rest of our neighborhood and are intentional about living out and sharing the gospel with those on our street.



## LEXI AND JUDE

We love to conclude the report with an update on Lexi and Jude. Lexi's now in 3rd grade and Jude is a 1st grader. As you can see from this picture, they're growing up quickly. While Lexi still sometimes struggles with anxiety, she has found confidence through being a striker on the school soccer team this year. She also excels in reading and finds enjoyment in books. Jude, meanwhile, loves mathematics and can solve problems that are beyond his grade level. He has also shown a natural talent for wrestling, which he participates in as an after-school club. On their school holidays, Lexi and Jude enjoy going out to the ministry with us and understand what it means to show the love of God to the people around them.

One thing we don't have to worry about, thanks to all of you, is their education. It's our largest budget item, but because the school provides such a great education, and is Christian-based, we have peace of mind and can go to work each day without worrying about the kids. Thank you for your continued support!

