



# Ballou FAMILY

REACHING THAI PEOPLE  
WITH THE GOSPEL OF  
JESUS CHRIST

## AUGUST 2025 UPDATE LETTER

Mother's Day in Thailand is next Tuesday, and our church is planning to celebrate this coming Sunday in several ways. For each of the past 9 years, this Sunday has had a special feel and a great spirit. Each year children come as guests of Christian mothers to honor them, and mothers with Christian adult children come to celebrate together. It always feels like an important way for Thai Buddhist family members to be reassured that being Christian does not mean that every cultural tradition has to be left behind. I have loved watching a kind of shy surprise on the face of a mother as her child publicly gives her flowers and expresses gratitude.

This year we also get to baptize a mother together with her daughter, and I recently was informed that her first visit to our church was on a Mother's Day celebration. Knowing this greatly encourages our efforts to see holidays as an opportunity to get people to visit church for their first time. It also raises my appreciation for our children's ministry, to see the mother of a girl faithful to Sunday school reached with the gospel!

Another participant in the baptism service will be Ton, who has come for the past two months with his 5-year-old daughter. I rejoice for the answered prayers of his believing wife and rejoice in the grace of God changing the life of a little girl who can now grow up with the knowledge of the truth. Thank you for supporting the ministry of our family and for praying for Thai Buddhists to encounter Jesus. It's amazing to see the answer to prayers!

*Love in Christ,  
the Ballou Family*





OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINISTRY THROUGH SOCCER ARE ABUNDANT HERE IN THAILAND. PLEASE PRAY THAT GOD WILL ALLOW OUR CHURCH TO SEE A LARGE NUMBER OF THESE BOYS MAKE IT THROUGH THE GAUNTLET OF TEMPTATIONS AND DISTRACTIONS THAT SO OFTEN HAVE SIDETRACKED YOUNG PEOPLE FROM GROWING IN FAITH HERE IN THEIR EARLY HIGH SCHOOL YEARS.

NEARBY SCHOOLS REMAIN OPEN TO EVERY REQUEST FOR OUTREACH ACTIVITIES. I HAVE BEGUN TO CONSIDER WHAT IT MIGHT LOOK LIKE FOR INTERNS TO COME AND SERVE SPECIFICALLY IN OUR LOCAL SCHOOL OUTREACHES. THE IMPACT ON THE NEXT GENERATION COULD BE EXPONENTIAL. PLEASE REACH OUT TO ME IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST IN SERVING WITH US!



THE MOTHER OF THESE TWO GIRLS, PICTURED WITH ALISA AND WITH AVA, LOST THEIR MOTHER RECENTLY AFTER A LONG ILLNESS. FAMILY SITUATIONS ARE VERY COMPLICATED FOR THEM RIGHT NOW AS WELL. PLEASE PRAY FOR LILLY (14) AND KHAMOONG (5)

