

CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Dear Supporting Pastor,

Thank you so much for supporting our ministry for many years. Together we have seen the founding and forming of a church which has experienced God's blessings in many ways, and grown steadily year by year. This growth has been especially encouraging in Thailand, a Buddhist country categorized among the most unreached countries in the world.

As this local church approaches our tenth anniversary, we marvel at the work God has done in the lives of many former Buddhists. Local leadership has grown steadily, and we have been heavily involved in multiple church plants and have sent out a family to start a new church. This church pays its own regular expenses through the offerings, including the cost of renting our current facility. In the past few years, we have expanded our auditorium twice and currently find ourselves short on space for bathrooms, parking, and many other regular functions. We feel an urgency to set our direction toward seeing sustained growth through future seasons.

We have appreciated the counsel of our sending pastor, as well as many other experienced pastors, missionaries, and professionals throughout the process of considering next steps. In 2023 our local church began praying for a permanent home and giving regularly to prepare and see what God would provide. Our hope in seeking to purchase, rather than rent, is to set up this church to be financially self-supporting and not invest any more resources into an uncertain rental situation.

Recently God has answered prayer by providing all of the funds needed for constructing a complete church building once we do have property.

Searching our area for buildings to renovate or land to purchase, we have narrowed down our considerations to two specific properties on a brand new bypass, which gives us easy access from several different sections of our city. Within a couple of days we expect a clear answer from our most preferred property.

The cost to purchase and prepare either of these properties for build comes in just under \$400,000. As of the beginning of September, we have received commitments indicating that we already have a strong start to reaching that number.

We are sending this letter to you as the pastor because we have always operated by the philosophy that we do not share financial needs via our regular updates. We want you personally to be able to consider this project and see how the Lord might lead in your congregation.

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PROJECT REQUEST:

I want to ask you for three things at this time:

Firstly, please pray for us to finish negotiations for the property, so that we can make a deposit and have the property under contract.

Secondly, please consider presenting this project to your church sometime in the months of September through November of this year. Our prayer would be to pay the full amount and close on the property in the month of December this year. Your commitment will help us to know our status as we ask God to provide for the purchase.

Thirdly, if you are able to contribute to this building project, would you send along with your contribution a short greeting to our church for its tenth anniversary on November 2? We will subtitle these greetings from you and your church for the encouragement of our Thai congregation.

We are happy to answer any questions you may have about the details of the project. Funds will be received through BIMl and held in escrow until the time of closing. If for any reason the project does not go through as planned, your donation will be returned to you from escrow.

A brief video highlighting this need is in the editing process, and we hope to secure a purchase contract before sharing that video with you.

Thanks for taking the time to consider!

In Christ,

Jay Ballou and Chris Reed

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