

Conserva Chronicle



Ministry in Burma

January - March 2009

It is hard to believe that another year has passed! We have seen a lot of uncertainty this year with the world economy and the increased violence around the world. As I sit here and write this, there is much political unrest here in Thailand, with two opposing factions protesting. One group is for the government and the other one is against. Even though the turmoil has passed for the time being, there is still a lot of uncertainty in the country. Even though there is much uncertainty in the world as we go into 2009 it is good and reassuring to know that the God of the universe who created the heavens and earth is ultimately in control.

General Ministry News

We do have lots of good news to report, however. We recently had our All Asia National Conference for ReachGlobal, which was held in Bangkok this year. This is a biannual conference that we have in order to network with co-workers, attend workshops and be encouraged. It was a great conference and we came away very encouraged. Despite all the bad news we see on the news, there are wonderful things happening in the world through ReachGlobal.

While there I was informed by our Asia Director that I was appointed as the ReachGlobal Regional Director for North Thailand and Myanmar, which means that my responsibilities and workload have increased considerably. On top of that I was also approached to consider becoming a church planting coach for the Asia Division of ReachGlobal as well.

Michael has had a very busy and productive year and is currently laying out his plans for 2009 -2010. He is having more and more opportunities coming his way to train pastors and Christian workers in the region. He will be creating a Blog with ministry articles, pictures of training events and other interesting aspects of ministry this past year and continue with that for 2009. He would like to find a better way to communicate with partners so

that they can be better informed and actually see some of what he is doing. Be looking for that shortly.

Ministry News From Burma

We do have lots of good news to report regarding the work in Myanmar. The work in Burma is moving forward and God is doing great things. "C", our national partner there, reports that they started a free English and computer skills course. Many people have never even touched a computer before in their life! They were expecting 20 people, but 75 showed up! And because so many people enrolled, the intelligence department came to check on them! They wanted to know all about the ministry and training. "C" writes, "But God protected us. Pray that we may build a better relationship with young professionals and have a chance to witness to them." Please also pray for "KK" who is a young man who joined the ReachMyanmar team recently. He has a great desire to plant a church in the devastated delta area, and God has given him the chance to do just that. "KK" has committed himself to the work in the delta and will move there. (continue on p.3)

Laputta township is the area that has been most affected by the Nargis cyclone in May. So many homes, businesses and schools were destroyed. The children have been left without an education, because their parents have become so focused with just trying to survive. "C" writes that they have been able to build a learning center for the children and that classes started in November. This is such a great outreach, meeting a felt need in the community.

Please continue to pray for "C" and his wife "LP" that they will not grow weary in their well doing. Michael is planning a trip to Burma in March, to do some more training, to encourage them and to check on the progress of work. It is possible that several pastors from the US will be going, too.

Conserva Family News

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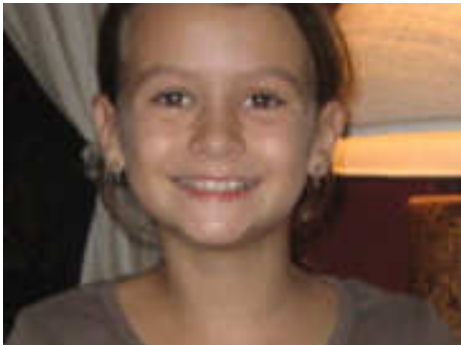
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Karis has finished up her first term of her second year at Sacred Heart University. She is really doing well and enjoying herself. She has made some great friends and they all share a suite together. It does our heart good to know that she is just 15 minutes away from Michael's sister and her husband. The big news with Karis is that she and Paul are ENGAGED! We are all very excited for them and we look forward to the wedding sometime this summer. She has been with us here in Thailand for Christmas break and will be returning to the States to start her second term shortly.



Drew is still into all kinds of sports. He still does skateboarding and just started being interested in rugby as the school has a team this year. His very first game, he somehow managed to get smacked in the face and had to get 5 stitches while scoring 3 tris! He, of course, thought it was the coolest thing EVER! He is 17 and taller than Michael, by several inches.



Cana is enjoying 6th grade and being a social butterfly. She is 12 and still enjoys gymnastics and soccer.. Her favorite subjects are art and PE.....just like her mom!



Seth is 9, if you can believe that! He is repeating 3rd grade this year and is having a much more relaxed time of learning...hence, so are his mom and dad! He enjoys journalling this year and freeze tag.

Conserva family



We are in the process of our adoption of Burapon now. Michael has gone to Bangkok recently to make sure we are on the right track with all the paperwork. We can't wait to have this boy in our home. Unfortunately it is a long and expensive process.

All the kids love to go to Agape with Ellen and hang out with their favorite friends there. Cana loves Tawn, Seth plays with Boonyarit and Burapon, and Drew thinks Monmanut is the coolest kid EVER!

Michael had orthoscopic surgery early in November. He had been having a lot of pain and found that he had torn both of his medial meniscuses. Very old injuries. The surgery was a success and now Michael has to just learn to take it easy while it heals completely...a bit of a difficult thing for him!

We are so very thankful for each of you, our partners and friends. We wish each of you God's richest blessing, good health and the very best for 2009.

Blessings In Christ,

The Conserva Family

Mike's Calendar for 2009

Feb 18-19	Leadership Training in Huay Deua village North Thailand
Mar 4-15	Leadership Training in Sittwe, Myanmar and Yangon, Myanmar
Mar 11-13	Leadership Training in Mae Wae village North Thailand
Mar 18	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Mar 26-28	EFCA: Vision Trip Team to Visit Chiangmai, Thailand
Apr 1	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Apr 1-3	Leadership Training in Muang Noi village North Thailand
Apr 3-9	Myanmar Disaster Relief (Nargis) follow up visit to Laputta Township in the Ayeyarwady Delta
Apr 11-May 4	Trip to United States
	April 11-18 Visiting my Mom in Boynton Beach, Fl
	Apr 20-22 Exponential Church Planting Seminar, Orlando, Fl
	Apr 25-May 3 Black Rock Congregational Church Missions Conference, Fairfield, CT.
	Apr 4 Return to Thailand
May 6	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
May 8	Ellen returns to the States to help Karis with wedding plans and preparation
May 11-13	Leadership Training in Kheng Hom village North Thailand
Jun 3	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Jun 6	Mike, Drew, Cana and Seth return to the States for Karis' wedding and the summer months.
Jun 10-12	Leadership Training in Phog That village North Thailand
Jun 28	Wedding Day – Yeah one down 3 to go!
Jul 27-29	Leadership Training in Kiaw Sua village North Thailand
Aug 6	Entire family returns back to Thailand
Aug 11-15	Team Building and Coaching Trip to Yangon, Myanmar (Tentative)
Aug 17-19	Leadership Training in Wiang Heng North Thailand
Sep 2	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Sep 5-8	Trip to Singapore to report on Myanmar Disaster Relief to Singaporean Churches (Tentative)
Sep 14-16	Leadership Training in Mae Ping village North Thailand
Sep 19-25	Leadership Training in Mongolia (Tentative)
Oct 7	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Oct 16-Nov 2	Trip to the US to visit with supporting churches and partners
Nov 4	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office
Nov 6-15	Leadership Training in Sittwe, Myanmar and in Yangon, Myanmar
Dec 2	ReachGlobal Team Development Training Chiangmai Office

* Lay Leadership Training every Tuesday night at a local church plant in Chiangmai Thailand

* Obviously I cannot participate in all of these training events because of conflicts with schedule, but I do work with a team of missionaries and national workers who fill in the gaps when one of us has a conflict. There is more training on the way, but not yet have the dates.

Thank you for praying for these events.