

Shaping Lives for Christ

June 2013

I am sure many of you have attended graduation ceremonies for friends and loved ones recently. The schools in India and Thailand have also held graduation ceremonies during the past month. The teens and children have enjoyed a summer break from school and are now preparing for school to resume in June.

India:

Since 2007 the Pastors of Feed My People in India have been actively involved in rescuing teen girls from brothels. The girls then move into the large multipurpose building in Tenali where they have the opportunity to attend a two year medical training program. Many of them also choose to attend the Bible School located at the same location. A smaller number of teen boys who were headed in the wrong direction, have also been brought to Tenali by village pastors. During our last visit we were so impressed with these young people who have taken advantage of the opportunity to turn their lives around. At the time we visited, all of the 84 teens had committed their lives to Christ.

May 1st was graduation day for 40 of the teens from the medical school and Bible school. Reverend



Several students received prizes for top grades

Thomas and his wife, Mary Grace, are trying to secure employment for these new graduates. Past graduates are now working as

midwives, medical assistants in doctors offices and similar jobs. Some of these young girls would love to continue their training to become nurses if scholarships were made available. A degree in General Nursing takes three years of additional study at a cost of \$400 per year.

I asked Reverend Thomas to ask some of the



40 teens graduated from medical and Bible school in May

girls who are now in the second year of training to answer some questions. Below is a composite of answers from several of the teen girls, to include Kanyaka, Usha, Monica, Anusha, Manisha, Naganmani, Sandhya, Pavani, Komali, Jaya, and Divya.

How has your life changed since coming to Feed My People? *They said their lives were changed miraculously by Jesus Christ. They turned from their sins and were baptized. Now they feel they are somebody and have a good reputation in society which they did not have before. Now they are useful to people and to God.*

What would you like to study when you complete your medical training? *They want to study General Nursing if they can find sponsors and also do ministry for God among youth.*

What are your hopes and plans for the future? *We want to rescue more girls from brothel houses and also spend time with the children at the orphanage.*

Eleven of the orphans living at Feed My People graduated from high school this year. Reverend Thomas said they are now enjoying the school holidays and then they will help them transition to the next phase of their lives. Many of the orphans continue their studies after high school through apprenticeship programs that will provide them with a skill that will offer employment and a means to earn a living.

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Thailand:

We recently received an update from Reverend Wanchai Supawas and his devoted wife, Pensri, who run the Sameong Girls Home. The girls home, built in 1986 with funding provided by Global Outreach, is a haven of Christian love and care where these teens who need a chance for a new life are taught the Word of God. Most of the girls come from hill tribes and villages where they face a high risk of drug, alcohol, sex trade, and other abusive behaviors. Often when the girls enter the home, they are far behind their peers educationally and need extra help and encouragement to catch up with their studies.

When we last visited, twelve girls were living in the home. We talked to Pastor Wanchai about the possibility of increasing the number of girls they care for. He told us the cost to care for each girl is about 2,000 baht per month which is about \$65. They grow some of their own food and the girls help with the cooking, laundry, and other chores. We were blessed to attend Sunday services at the church located on the same property as the



Sixteen girls live at Sameong Girls Home, Thailand

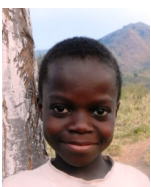
home. We were so impressed with the love for the Lord these girls displayed as we worshipped together. Pensri invests much time and energy discipling each of the girls and training them to be Godly women.

Through the years many of the girls who complete the program have gone on to higher education and training and are now serving in various ministries as well as professional jobs such as accountants, teachers and nurses. Others have returned to their home villages and opened successful businesses.

We are happy to know that seven new girls have been added this year bringing the total to sixteen. One of the new students, Hataikarnkan Waraya, has come because her mother was a student living there in 1994. Her life was so changed and impacted she wanted her daughter to have the same opportunity for training she received.

Without the continued support of our partners, opportunities to impact these young lives for Christ would not be possible. Your support is essential to continuing these vital ministries.

58 Day Prayer Challenge



The 58 Day Prayer Challenge which started May 15th continues as each day we pray specifically for one of the 58 orphans at Congo for Christ. Please visit our website www.global-outreach.net to download or print prayer cards for each day. If you would like to receive a daily email featuring the orphan of the day with information and a prayer, please send us a note and we will be glad to add you to the distribution list.



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Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he die, yet shall he live." John 11:25

Thank you for your prayers and support. Bill and Renee Reed