

# THAILAND NEWS

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**DEAR PASTOR AND CHURCH:**

**October to December 2020**

The New Year is here with the effect of the worldwide crisis our mission and ministry continue because “JESUS CHRIST the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” In spite of the lockdown in this country in March 2020, we only had three Sundays where we had to stop going to the place of worship and do it online. We used a house for church services outside the city for eight months waiting for the former hotel function room to re-open, but it fully closed down. The first Sunday of December, the Lord opened a new function room at the Leiview Hotel quite close to the former one though the space is smaller, but it is nice and presentable. God brought in more souls to be saved and some are looking for a church.

Due to the advisory about religious gatherings, we adjusted the schedule of our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mission Ministry Anniversary on the 27<sup>th</sup> of December with the theme “*Contending for the Faith*” in Jude v.3. I struggled with a couple of speakers who had cancelled their trips because of travel restrictions from outside of Thailand. Our guest speaker was Bro. Jonathan Ballou - an American Baptist missionary working in the next province of Lamphun whom the Lord used to bless and grace our special occasion. We are praising God for surrender decisions, commitments among the members and taking the challenge to be stronger and more faithful this year focusing on “the author and finisher of our faith.”



Akha Children’s Center and Church Kids, MaeSuai – Christmas Goodies - a total of about 70 give aways. We were supposed to have the Annual Year-End Fellowship to welcome the New Year on Dec.31-Jan.1 with a couple of souls to follow the Lord in believer’s baptism, but two days before the event there was a sudden spike of Covid-19 cases, so we had to cancel the activity. Please PRAY that we are able to re-schedule the event when the ban is lifted. Praise the Lord that none of our members here got infected. Thank you for upholding us with your precious prayers, our family is safe from the pandemic: five in the Philippines, three of us here in Thailand and all our churches in our home country...everyone is still Covid free up to this writing. We appreciate the support and Christmas Love gifts!

May the Lord find us faithful,  
**Jason and Pricila SUMATRA**

## SUMATRA FINANCIAL REPORT – September to December 2020

### September 2020

Balance from August .....	US \$699.00
U.S. Support.....	2,141.00
Special offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches).....	<u>101.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$3,141.00

#### Expenses: (Avg. Rate for September US \$1.00 = 31.50 Baht)

Condo Rent 2 rooms – Chiang Mai .....	US \$207.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	210.00
Family Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.).....	650.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul .....	200.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	350.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent & misc. expenses). ....	270.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp. ....	200.00
Thai Vehicle.....	450.00
September 2020 Car Payment (Phils.).....	433.00
Transferwise Fees .....	<u>28.47</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,998.47

### October 2020

Balance from September .....	US \$230.00
U.S. Support.....	2,406.00
S. Offering-Akha Children(M.Sutherland- Rodgers BC) ..	200.00
Asian Support (2 Churches).....	<u>98.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$2,934.00

#### Expenses: (Avg Rate for October US \$1.00 = 31 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai.....	US \$210.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	180.00
Home Supplies - Thailand.....	550.00
Life International Baptist Church-Chiang Mai.....	295.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent).....	274.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp .....	205.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul .....	200.00
Thai Vehicle.....	500.00
October 2020 Car Payment (Philippines) .....	434.00
Check order Harland Clarke.....	61.39
Transferwise Fees .....	<u>33.32</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,942.71

### November 2020

Balance from October .....	US \$325.03
U.S. Support.....	2,058.00
S.Offering-Aka Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) .....	200.00
Asian Support (2 churches).....	<u>100.00</u>
Total Funds available.....	US \$2,683.03

#### Expenses: (Avg Rate for November US \$1.00 = 30 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai .....	US \$217.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	150.00
Home Supplies (Food, House/Office, Misc.) .....	400.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support/rent).....	283.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp. ....	200.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	200.00
Visa Extension/Renewal –(Immigration) and Payment To Rainbow Covenant Foundation.....	830.00
Thai Vehicle.....	150.00
Philippines Expenses: Family Supplies.....	400.00
November 2020 Car Payment (Philippines).....	438.00
Transferwise Fees .....	<u>38.35</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$2,996.35

### December 2020

Balance from November.....	US \$418.03
U.S. Support .....	3,088.00
Christmas Love Offering.....	250.00
S.Offering-Aka Children(M.Sutherland-Rodgers BC) .....	200.00
Asian Support (2 churches).....	<u>95.00</u>
Total Funds available .....	US \$4,051.03

#### Expenses: (Avg Rate for December US \$1.00 = 29 Baht)

Condo Rent – Chiang Mai .....	US \$225.00
Utilities (electric, water, ISP & cell phones).....	275.00
Food & Family Supplies .....	590.00
Subsidy for Joseph Paul.....	200.00
Life Int’l Baptist Church-Chiang Mai-Anniv. Expenses....	410.00
Akha MaeSuai BC (support, rent, misc.).....	300.00
Akha Children’s Center Food, Misc. Exp .....	405.00
Thai Vehicle.....	256.00
Dec 2020 Car Payment (Philippines).....	437.00
Transferwise Fees .....	<u>31.45</u>
Total Expenses.....	US \$3,129.45