



## what does church look like?

Close your eyes and think about church. What images come to mind...? Dirt floors, bamboo walls, plastic (uncomfortable) chairs, electric guitar, drums, and kids everywhere...? That's exactly what church looks like at the Genesis Children's Home. These kids have started their own church under the leadership of the Christian staff. The kids lead the singing, bang on the drums, play guitar, read Scriptures, share their testimonies, and pray for each other. The staff take turns preaching a sermon each week. This is their Sunday expression of "church", but each of them know that church goes beyond those bamboo walls. Church is defined by how they live out their lives each day, how they interact with each other, how they love and how they forgive, etc. They ARE the church. They are the salt of the earth and a lamp on a hill...

Every morning the kids wake up extra early to have a special time of Bible study and prayer before heading off to school. In the evenings they will often meet together to discuss the day and pray for each other. Prayer and time spent with God are important to them. This is their spiritual food and provides nourishment to their soul. It's what keeps them together and gives them hope in the midst of poverty and trials.

The Genesis Children's Home has been walking down the road to health - spiritual, physical, emotional, and economic health - and we've been walking with them on this journey. Thanks to many of you who support and pray for this ministry, we are raising up a new generation of young people in Thailand who know and love the Lord. They are able to attend school, get educated and have hope for a better tomorrow. We help teach



them life skills and job skills to equip them for when they leave the home. They are learning to take care of themselves and provide for their own needs. In a couple of weeks they will harvest the rice that they have planted, which will help to provide them food throughout the year. These kids work hard, pray hard, and play hard!

## Flooding Update

Thanks to all who prayed for the people affected by the flooding in Thailand. This picture is the main street where we live. We're thankful that our house was spared. The river overflowed into our neighborhood and flooded our property. The water came within 1 centimeter (about .4 inches in English) of the top step of our house. All our household items were spared, but many others were not as fortunate.



## Gearing Up

Our time in the States has been great! We have been blessed through spending time with friends, family, and so many of you who have partnered with us. As hard as it is to say good-bye, we are now gearing up to return to Thailand on January 3rd. However, in these next two months we need to raise \$900 per month in additional support before we can leave. Would you consider partnering with this ministry? If so, please visit [www.cmfi.org/jeff-pilar-prus](http://www.cmfi.org/jeff-pilar-prus) or contact us directly at [prus@onavisa.com](mailto:prus@onavisa.com) or 814-720-8230.

We'll still be around for a couple of months and would love to hear from you. Please feel free to email us, call us, or catch us on Facebook.

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