## DISCIPLE THAILAND MINISTRIES

## MAY 2020





Updates from Pin:

I want to thank the Lord Jesus as 1 Thessalonians 5:18 says, "Giving thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God for us in Christ Jesus." This past month marks the Thai New Year where we normally celebrate by having a huge water festival. During this festival the country of Thailand basically has a huge water fight where foreigners and locals alike dump water on one another. However, due to the coronavirus this is the first year during my lifetime that we will not celebrate it. Everybody has been ordered to stay and work from home. All companies have closed except some supermarkets. Things have become very desperate in our country as most in Thailand have no jobs to buy food. Many people here are actually going hungry and say that they are more afraid of starvation than the virus. It has gotten so bad that some have committed suicide due to starvation. Others have taken drugs to present themselves at police stations so they can get thrown into prison where, at least they can eat. We at Hannah House have viewed this dire situation as an opportunity to share and show the love of God to the hurting people around us. This month we have been helping some of those in need with rent (for believers and unbelievers alike) and the homeless and destitute who are starving in the city. I saw their gratitude as they thanked me more than once. We left them with reading material about Jesus and our phone number so they could contact us. I want to thank our sponsors for caring not only for us but for the Thai people as well.

One story I would like to share is about a single unbelieving mother of two sons. The first one is eight years and the second one is ten months. We went to her house to give her some money but she struggled to receive money from us because this was the first time in her life she has ever received a gift like this. We told her that this was a blessing from God and that He loved her. We





BUYING AND PREPARING FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY



were then able to share the gospel with her. She shared that she wanted to go to church when the quarantine for the virus lifts and the churches reopen.

## **Upcoming:**

With many struggling and some starving, Pin, Ashley, and I have felt we need to step in and continue to help due to the intensity of the situation. For this next month, we will continue to help the starving by supplying food and necessities for the fifty families we've already assisted, give at least 200 meals to those starving in the city, as well as helping financially those who have been a part of our ministry who are in need. In addition to this we are also helping the children's home Pin came from to buy food for their children. We praise God for the opportunity to serve these people and for your giving making to make it possible! Chiang Mai has relatively few coronavirus cases right now so they should be able to open up the country sooner than later; yet, I fear the the aftermath will be devastating for many months to come.

## **Prayer Requests:**

- That many people will see the love of Christ as we serve them and come to know Him.
- That God will sustain those starving as well as Pin and Rang as they serve the people.

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SOME FAMILIES WE GAVE FOOD TO



WE GAVE SOME MONEY TO HELP FRIENDS OF OUR MINISTRY THAT HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING TO PAY BILLS.