



“The Crossing”... Still changing lives!

There is a ministry located in the heart of one of the most sin-filled cities of Asia. It is a ministry that reaches out to teenagers who most of the world would push aside. There are no great names coming out of this ministry, no note-worthy publications, and it has not appeared on the Oprah Winfrey show or any news channels. It was started by a young couple from America and has been led by a young Thai follower of Jesus Christ for the past three years.

Lives are changed daily by the relationships that are forged there and by the Gospel of Jesus that is lived out among those who come. Those receiving this newsletter have had some role in this ministry’s development and continuation whether through financial support or prayer. You have given... you have prayed... for this unknown work that is being done in Pattaya, Thailand.

Many of you have not been able to go and see the effect of The Crossing on the lives of teenagers in Thailand. This short newsletter is to let you know that **THE WORK CONTINUES... GOD IS BEING GLORIFIED... AND YOU ARE STILL NEEDED TO FIGHT IN PRAYER FOR THE LIVES OF THAI TEENAGERS!**



Pictures are from the recent Christmas celebration at The Crossing Waan (the leader of the ministry) is sitting in the front right on the top picture

What has God done in and through The Crossing?

*Hundreds of teenagers have had someone care about them with the Love of Jesus Christ. Teenagers from broken homes have found family...

Teens struggling with addictions have found freedom...

Jesus Christ has been made known in the teenage culture of the skateboarders of Thailand...

*God has used the example of The Crossing to encourage others to minister to teens. Already there have been similar ministries started in at least two other cities in Thailand.

*Teens that have come to know Christ at the Crossing have found their place serving with other ministries in Pattaya and around Thailand.

*The Crossing has been a place of stability for teens in a very unstable place.

Over the past year...

- Friday night worship/Bible study has continued
- Two skate competitions took place with the purpose of sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the teens of central Thailand
- A Christmas celebration has allowed teens to understand who Jesus really was and what His coming to earth means for them

The Crossing Financial Report

Ok... we realize that Thailand is a world away and there are needs and ministries staring us in the face everyday asking for money. How do I know what to give to? We don't, but the Lord does. Please ask Him honestly if you should give into this ministry. If you don't feel led to give to the Crossing, please give to another work that the Lord is doing around the world. But considering Angela and I get nothing from this, I feel completely free to ask. As you ponder whether to give, consider this...

Rent, Utilities, Living Quarters for Waan (leader of the Crossing), snack items, sports equipment, skateboard competitions w/ prizes, upkeep, missions experiences, travel... all necessary things to keep this ministry going have been done using only \$1000 - \$1100 per month. (That is less than just the health benefits package for most pastors in America) And still... it is getting harder and harder to raise support for this work. The work of the Crossing has persisted because of the sacrifice of a few, but currently there is not enough for the ministry to continue. We truly need you to partner with this ministry if the work is to go on.

If you can give... (PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGES!)

Please write checks payable to **The Gathering with "Thailand Crossing" in the memo** and send them to The Gathering, c/o Matthew Lutz, P.O. Box 33428, Charlotte NC 28233. We are always available to talk, answer your questions, and maybe even take you to Thailand☺ Feel free to email us at matt@thegatheringnc.org or call at 717-825-0812.



Thank you for joining with God's work in Thailand!

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