
- **Missions - Imes Update**

Dear Friends,

Here's a quick update written by one of our leaders in Thailand to let you know what is happening in there this week!

Sports Friends Training Event in Thailand:

Wednesday [yesterday] - Saturday (Sept 30th – Oct 3rd), we will have our first Sports Friends Training event here in Chiang Mai. Around 75 Church Leaders from the 9 Provinces of Northern Thailand will be coming for 4 days of training in **how to start sports ministry initiatives** in their local churches.

Please pray for this event: for the leaders attending this training and that many will return home to develop effective CCSM initiatives that impact young people in their communities for Christ and can serve as great models for others in Thailand and SE Asia. Please pray too, for wisdom for our Sports Friends Thailand team in how best to follow-up, support and mentor this first group of trained sports ministers.

Please also pray for those who have suffered from the flooding in Manila, Philippines:

If you've been watching the news this week, you've seen the horrific flooding in Manila. We've heard back from most of our friends there and are relieved that most of them were spared the worst. Surprisingly, the Muslim neighborhood where we served and the neighborhoods of our church family were not flooded. But the water in the street outside our neighborhood was reportedly chest-deep, and the market where Carmen spent many, many hours learning Tagalog and making friends was totally submerged. Many thousands of people were displaced and many of those who escaped death did so with only the clothes on their backs. Pray for our teammates there who are laboring to get their homes and places of ministry cleaned up and who are reaching out to those devastated by the flood. Pray that God will use this experience to turn many hearts to Him.

Thanks for praying.

Danny & Carmen

- **Message Notes**

Discover HOPE

Is Your Homeowner's Policy Up to Date?

Is Theft Included?

What to do when circumstances steal your hope.

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Rom 15:13

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

A. Hope Is Confidence

1. **God is the Hope of believers - Ps. 71:5, 1 Tim. 1:1**

2. **The Hope of resurrection and eternal life - Acts 23:6-7, Titus 1:2**

3. **The Hope of future glory - Rom. 5:1-2, Col 1:27**

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B. When Thieves Steal Your Hope - Job 17:13-16

C. Recovered Hope

1. **Hope brings security and confidence - Ps 146:5-6**

 2. **Hope reassures believers in this present life.**

 3. **Hope leads to more effective Christian living and witness**

 4. **Hope enables the believer to face the future with confidence**
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