

What Matters Most

Peow ('pew') and Nid ('neat') are Thai believers in Christ. Yet, because they live in Thailand, a nation that is 98% Buddhist, they have very little support, few resources, and even fewer mentors in the faith. That's why it was incredible to them when, while walking down the street in Phuket, they heard a band playing Christian music! Curious, they followed the sounds and arrived at a building called the Phuket Life Centre (PLC), where they met Cynthia Friesen and Greg and Becky Ouellette (team O2W).

The team welcomed these young women and soon the sisters had become an important part of the PLC community. After work they attended English classes, guitar lessons, and Saturday night church services. They also had fun socializing with the TREK team, going bowling, and traveling to an island over Christmas break. They were excited to find great friends who shared a common faith.

One night, Peow and Nid's apartment was broken into and their clothes, camera and computer were stolen. They had worked hard to afford these. Yet, despite the huge financial setback, they maintained their joy in the Lord, trusting Him through the process.

Their actions sent a clear message: 'Our belongings are not the most valuable thing. Christ and His family matter most to us.'

Recently, Peow and Nid moved back to their home province of Chiang Rai, where one is joining a discipleship training school. Though far from friends at PLC, they are committed to sharing Christ wherever they are – even in the local market. Their faith is strong. As mature leaders they influence younger and older believers. Pray that God fuels their passion and boldness, and that through them others will see that it is possible for a Thai to be a Christian. Finally, pray for team O2W and the PLC community. There are few believers, yet we trust God to bring others to Himself in surprising ways, just as he did for these two sisters!

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:21

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Saved, Healed, Delivered

Faizah* was still sick. All her attempts to rid her body of this illness had failed. She had seen many doctors, hoping that they could find the root of the problem and offer her a solution. But they had no remedy for her. Faizah's visits to traditional healers hadn't helped either. She longed for healing. Pain and fear overwhelmed her.

One day her husband Halim heard about a church where people were being healed. He met Naim, a national pastor and evangelist in North Africa and one of the elders at this church of healing. Halim begged Naim: "Please. Can you help my wife?"

Naim and his wife met together with Halim and Faizah. They told stories of healing from the Gospels. Halim and Faizah's hearts were open to this message of healing and forgiveness, and they chose to accept and follow Christ. Soon after, Faizah was miraculously delivered from unclean spirits and completely healed! Everyone was stunned. God did what all of the doctors and traditional healers had been unable to do. The Lord restored her to full health! Faizah and Halim were grateful for an even greater gift – eternal life.

Today Faizah and Halim meet weekly with other believers for teaching, sharing and prayer. Praise God! He is our Saviour, our Healer, and our Deliverer! Pray that Halim and Faizah will remain firmly rooted in Christ as they are discipled. Pray for Naim, his wife and other local leaders. They risk their lives daily by ministering in countries that are extremely hostile to the gospel.

Pray for boldness and strength for believers in North Africa. They regularly suffer persecution. We ask that their love for Jesus will increase and overflow into the lives of those who persecute them, resulting in real heart transformation.

"This is the promise which He Himself made to us: eternal life." – 1 John 2:25

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*All names have been changed.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Otto & Lidia Funk Peru	2 S & L Restricted	3 James & Alyssa Wiest Peru	4 D & M Restricted	5 M & R Restricted	6 S & N Restricted
7 Otto & Marjorie Ekk Portugal	8 Sandra Fender Thailand	9 Cynthia Friesen Thailand	10 Regional Mobilizers North America	11 Rob & Judy Griffioen Thailand	12 Motohiro & Mariya Hamana Thailand	13 J & F Restricted
14 C & F Restricted	15 P & C Restricted	16 Stacy Kuhns North America	17 Jim & Marilou Nightingale Brazil	18 Baudouin & Marie-Brigette Nsulunka South Africa	19 S & B Restricted	20 Andy & Carmen Owen Thailand
21 S Restricted	22 Global Program Team North America	23 Sandra Plett Mexico	24 Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters Thailand	25 K & W Restricted	26 Blaine & Michelle Warner Burkina Faso	27 John & Evelyn Wiens Ukraine
28 S Restricted	29 Oasis Project Restricted	30 Edd & Ingrid Russell Thailand	31 Johann Matthies Germany			