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Randy Friesen, General Director of MBMSI, recently returned from a trip to Thailand. Along with Carlin Weinbauer, he led our MBMSI Board members through a tour of our missions work in this region. During their visit to Chonburi, they participated in the ground breaking ceremony (see photograph below) for the new houses being built for the Abundant Life Home, an orphanage for HIV children that is part of the holistic church planting work in that region. This was a time of celebration!



Thailand has recently been celebrating many ground breaking events, the most significant being the Thailand MB Foundation and the beginning of a Thailand MB Conference which will be joining ICOMB (International Community of Mennonite Brethren). Whether it is the planting of a single church, construction of new homes for an orphanage, or the birth of a new MB conference in a country, these tasks take all different members of God's family working together. God calls people with many different gifts to serve in mission.

When God called our family to missions, He did not take us to Asia or Africa or Europe, but to Abbotsford, British Columbia. My heart is to use all the gifts God has given me to serve in building His Kingdom. My role in *Operations, Information Technology (IT) and Communications* focuses on creating the infrastructure necessary to see the work completed on the front lines of the mission field. The incredible season of growth at MBMSI has brought many significant challenges but I praise God for His sustaining strength and His direction as we face each new challenge. Prayer is essential to meeting the needs of this growing ministry. My joy is made complete as I see our teams of missionaries succeed in holistic church planting that is transforming communities around the world.