

# LIVING THE CALL

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สวัสดีค่ะ (Hello in Thai!)

I have been back in the States for 2 ½ months now! My month-long trip in Thailand flew by & my time home has gone by even faster!

Here are a few details about the trip:

- During the 1<sup>st</sup> week, the Atlanta Christian Church Mission Team was in Thailand. We saw around 600 people in 4 different clinics. We also taught Sunday School lessons to about 60 kids at all of these clinics.
- During the 2<sup>nd</sup> week, Tim Doggett & David Upchurch (the Executive Director & President of the Board of Trustees for ACMI) came to Thailand to meet Stephen Wongratanamajcha (founder of Asians for Christ - AFC) & to write up a partnership agreement between ACMI & AFC.
- During the 3<sup>rd</sup> week, Derek Voorhees, Stephen's forwarding agent from Colorado, came to the Gospel Center to stay & teach the students a 2-day class on Ephesians.
- During the 4<sup>th</sup> week, I learned A LOT! I learned a little bit of Thai language, how to cook some Thai dishes, & how to ride a motorcycle! I also taught a 3-hour English class during this week.
- The whole month was a great time of building a strong relationship with Stephen, Mary, & their family!



*For more stories & pictures about my trip in February, visit [www.ajcrabtree.blogspot.com](http://www.ajcrabtree.blogspot.com) & [www.accmission.blogspot.com](http://www.accmission.blogspot.com)*



### *Why do we need a strategy like CHE?*

- *24,000 children under the age of 5 die every day from preventable diseases*
- *884 million people are without access to safe drinking water*
- *2.6 billion people are without adequate sanitation*
- *Almost 2/3 of the world's population lives without the light of Christ*
- *As Christ's disciples, we are called to love AND action*

## **A New Approach to Ministry**

### **Community Health Evangelism**

The week of May 16<sup>th</sup>, I was in Indianapolis attending a workshop on Community Health Evangelism (CHE). CHE is a wholistic approach to ministry that integrates spiritual ministry with physical ministry.

I heard a quote from Franklin Graham that sums it up this way, "If you only see a man's physical needs, you will become a humanitarian. If you only see his mental need, you will become an educator. If you only see his political oppression, you become a revolutionary or a politician. And if you only see his spiritual needs, you will become a religionist. ***It is seeing the whole man, with a strong emphasis on the spiritual, when you become a Christian witness, a missionary, an evangelist, and communicator of God's words.***"

I first learned about CHE at the National Missionary Convention last year. I sat in on a general workshop explaining CHE & thought "this puts together all that I want to do in Thailand!" When I was in Thailand in February, in discussing with Stephen his vision for my ministry, he discussed the need of ministering wholistically, basically spelling out CHE, before I had discussed with him the concept & that I would be attending a class on that exact thing. I knew then that CHE would be a big part of my ministry in Thailand.

Throughout the week, I learned A LOT about what CHE is, why we are to do CHE from a Biblical perspective, and how we do CHE right where we are, whether it be on the mission field or in our own communities. My mind is still trying to process & sort out all that I learned!

***"And he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick."***

***Luke 9:2***



### Upcoming Events

*June 13-17 Kairos Missions Course in  
Louisville, KY*

*August 3-5 ACMI Retreat & Board Meetings in  
Carlinville, IL*

*August 7-11 VBS Missionary at  
First Christian Church in Fairfield, IL*

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### Community Health Evangelism

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#### Foundational Principles of CHE:

- Mature Christian Leadership
- Development not Relief
- Integration of Physical & Spiritual
- Prevention vs. Cure
- Teaching not Doing
- Community Ownership
- Sustainable
- Multiplication

Community Health Evangelism (CHE) seamlessly integrates evangelism and discipleship with disease prevention and community based development. The work is wholistic, seeking to meet the whole need of individuals and communities through complete obedience to everything that Jesus commanded.

#### How I Will Use CHE

CHE is pretty much the basis for what my ministry in Thailand will be. As a Trainer of Trainers, I will be able to equip the native Thai people in this concept of ministering wholistically & developing their communities with a Biblical perspective. I will be able to assist them in discovering the needs of their communities & finding ways to meet those needs with resources that are already available to them locally.

#### For More Information on CHE

Visit:

[www.chenetwork.org](http://www.chenetwork.org)

*“And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is in the Spirit.”*

*2 Corinthians 3:18*

## PRAYER & PRAISE

### *Praise God with me:*

- That He watched over me as I traveled to & from Indianapolis
- That I was able to learn SO much during my CHE training
- That He opened doors for many new friendships & networks to be built during the CHE training class
- That He has provided many new opportunities for me to share His work in Thailand

### *Pray with me:*

- That I will be able to retain & apply all that I learned in training
- That God will continue to open doors for me to share my ministry
- That my support raising will continue to go well & that many new partnerships will be formed through that

*“for ‘Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’ How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’”*

*Romans 10:13-15*

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