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# Glady's Update

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## HELLO FROM BANGKOK!

Time flies—it's already been three months since I left Singapore. A lot has happened, and there are many things I am thankful for. I will be sending quarterly updates through newsletter to share what I'm doing and also would like to invite you to pray alongside me and the ministry in Thailand.

Coming back to Thailand feels like coming back home; it's that feeling of "same-same but different." It's the same because I've returned to a place where I previously spent five years—familiar sights, language, and food. But it's different because I used to be in Sawang Daendin, a town, and now I'm in Bangkok—a bustling city with heavy traffic, crowds, and a different culture. Ministry-wise, it's also different. I used to work with youth and young children, but now I'm working mainly with university students. While it's still Thailand, it's a new city, a new ministry, and a new culture for me.

The past few months have been about settling into my new place, getting everything ready, understanding the ministry, and adapting to a new rhythm of life.

## Thanksgiving

- **SACM, WAC, family and friends:** I'm grateful for the time we spent together before my departure. Thank you for all your prayers and blessings!
- **Home:** Thank God that the place is fully furnished and everything is in place!
- **CSC Team:** Grateful for the team (Siew Ling, Angel, and Tiffany) serving together at Cornerstone.
- **Opening of CSC:** Since opening in July, we've welcomed 70 new students.
- **English Camp @ KMITL (Food for Thought):** Thank God for the mission team from St. James' Church who came to facilitate the camp and engage with the students.
- **SACM Exploratory Trip:** Thankful for the exploratory trip that opened my eyes to life in Bangkok.
- **First fruit:** Praise God! Min (Cornerstone student) accepted Christ!



# SACM EXPLORATORY MISSION TRIP

17 - 23 JUNE



Outside Shalem House, where we stayed for three nights.

A group of seven youths from the youth fellowship, along with three adults from St. Andrew's Cathedral Mandarin, embarked on an exploratory mission trip to Bangkok, Thailand. This was SACM's first exploratory mission trip in many years.

During the trip, we had the opportunity to collaborate with Rainbowland Community Service Foundation (Anglican Church in Thailand) and OMF.

Through RCS, we supported Christ Church Bangkok's ministry, which serves children in the community near the church. CCB holds bi-weekly activities, but the meeting room was too small. Thanks to the funds provided by SACM, the children now have a larger space for their activities. In addition to the expanded area, our team also gave the meeting room a fresh coat of mural paint. The mural of Noah's Ark symbolizes new hope for the community.

The team also led a midweek program at Shalem House for locals from other provinces who are in Bangkok for medical treatment. We played games, shared testimonies and God's Word, and prayed for the people. What was especially encouraging was that, despite the tough times they were going through, many of them remained joyful. They shared that they are grateful for Shalem House, as they wouldn't know where to go otherwise.



Shalem House ministry



Students at English Program

With OMF, we joined the Love the Community Team in visiting urban poor communities. My group visited an elderly Christian woman who, due to her immobility, could no longer attend church. When she saw us, she began to cry, deeply touched that people still cared for her. We encouraged her and reminded her of God's love.

As I left, I reflected on how challenging it can be to uplift someone in such a difficult situation, but I found comfort in trusting God's great love for His people.

One of the things that struck me was that these communities exist in Bangkok—a city known for its tourism and shopping. Yet, many of us are unaware of these communities as we travel to Bangkok. They are so near, yet unseen by so many of us.

The team also conducted a one-day English program at a primary school near the Love the Community center. The school confirmed the program just about a week before our trip, as OMF had approached other schools, but they were unable to accommodate us. I believe this was an open door for the Love the Community ministry to continue following up with the school, especially since it is so close to the center.



With CCB team and Phiphat community leaders in front of our completed mural.



# FOOD FOR THOUGHT CAMP

26 - 28 JUNE



Students on the last day of the camp

Cornerstone Student Centre and St. James' Church held a three-day English camp for students from the Faculty of Engineering, KMITL. The theme of the camp was "Food for Thought," aimed at engaging students in discussions about food and culture, food and psychology, and food and the environment. The purpose of the camp was to encourage students to practice speaking English and interact with facilitators from Singapore.

Both facilitators and students enjoyed meaningful interactions. Although we were expecting a larger group, some students could not attend the full three days due to the freshmen orientation program. However, the smaller crowd allowed for more personal interactions, which was a blessing in disguise.

At the end of the camp, we hosted a Saturday Thanksgiving party for the Singapore team at the church. For many students, it was their first time visiting a church. We thank God for the turnout and the fun we had! Through the camp, many students got to know about CSC, and we had a handful of them who turned up at CSC!



Thanksgiving party at Lat Krabang Anglican Church



# CORNERSTONE STUDENT CENTRE



Friday Fun: Learning English Through Fun Activities



a typical lesson at Cornerstone



fellow co-workers – Angel (left), Tiffany (right)

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My main ministry in Thailand is serving at Cornerstone Student Centre (Cornerstone), located within King Mongkut's Institute of Technology Ladkrabang (KMITL). At Cornerstone, we facilitate and provide a space for KMITL students to practice conversational English. I'm grateful to be serving in Cornerstone alongside Angel and Tiffany

Since the new academic year started on July 8, we've welcomed 66 new students. On a busy day, we can have over 20 students at the center.

My prayer is that Cornerstone would not only be a place where students acquire the English language, but also a place where they feel welcomed, loved, and a sense of belonging.

During a conversation with one of the students, she mentioned that her faculty is very demanding, so she can only come to Cornerstone once a week. I encouraged her, telling her that whenever she needs a place to relax, she's welcome at Cornerstone. She doesn't have to come just for lessons. She responded, "Wow, it feels like a home." That's exactly how I see Cornerstone—a home away from home.

Over the past two months, some students have opened up and shared their struggles with us. Please pray for wisdom as we engage in conversations and walk alongside them on their journey.

Praise God! one of the students has decided to give her life to Jesus! I will be discipling her as she embarks on her new faith journey! Pray for God's protection over her.



Min (on my right) accepted Christ on 25 July! Praise God!

# LAT KRABANG ANGLICAN CHURCH



Young Adult / University students Care Group



LKAC family @ Groundbreaking and Laying of Foundation Stone Service (GBLFS) on 3 August



Rev. Kelvin Koo, Wong Ling (SACM), and Jia Xin (SACM) represented SACM and WAC at the GBLFS Service



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On Sundays, I worship at Lat Krabang Anglican Church (LKAC), which has an average attendance of about 80 members, many of whom are new believers. Almost every Sunday, we welcome new visitors. Please pray that God will build up the lay leadership of the church and strengthen the faith of new believers.

After the service on Sundays, care groups are held. I currently join both the youth care group and the young adults/university students care group. I don't have a fixed role yet, but I'm praying and seeking God's direction for what He has in store.

On 3 August, the Groundbreaking and Laying of Foundation Stone Service for the next phase of building project was held. 100 worshipers, including representatives from overseas, LKAC members and ACT family gathered to witness this special occasion.

Project Lat Krabang Phase 1B would add 3 more buildings to the existing Chapel cum Welcome Centre.

- Building A would be a 300-seater sanctuary, ministry rooms and office.
- Building B would be the Headquarter of ACT with accommodation and facilities for conducting training and retreats.
- Building C would be a kindergarten. Keep the staff team and building committee in prayer as they oversee the Project.

The building is built with three themes.

- A tabernacle of His glory with people rooted in His Word.
- A city on the hill where all who need rest could come to be strengthened, renewed, and changed.
- A home for the ACT (Anglican Church in Thailand) family.



# Prayer

## CORNERSTONE Student Centre

- More students to come regularly
- Holy Spirit-led conversations
- Unity within the CSC team
- Spiritual breakthrough among students who are hungry for the Lord
- Spiritual covering over Min as she embarks on her faith journey.
- Inspiration, creativity and wisdom in lesson planning



A typical lesson setting at Cornerstone



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- For God's wisdom and leading for the staff team
- Project Phase 1B project
- For members to grow in their walk with the Lord
- Strengthen the unity of the church
- For new lay leaders to arise

### Personal

- For strength and endurance as I commit to Thai lessons alongside ministry
- To pass the Thai proficiency exam in November
- To be more like Christ in thoughts, words, and actions.
- For wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit in every interaction with people.



### Thailand

- For the flooding situations in Northern and Southern Thailand.
- For families affected by the floods.
- For the new Prime Minister.
- For Thais to see the love and kindness of Jesus and to recognize that Jesus is the only hope.



September birthday babies celebration @ Youth care group



Farewell meal for a student heading to Japan for further studies



Thai lessons with Revd Bernard Yee