

BOMB

THAILAND

By Karen Huebert-Sanchez

It was December, and we had just gone downtown with two of our fellow workers in order to do evangelism with the prostitutes. It was there that we first met Bomb. Sensing a connection with this girl, we decided to invite her to a local coffee shop. She agreed to meet with us, for a price.

For about eighteen US dollars, we bought two hours of her time.

During those two hours, we had a chance to present the Gospel and share our testimonies. It was a divine appointment. Near the end of our time, Bomb asked to receive Christ. Her life was complicated, and she was not quite ready to leave her life on the streets, but she could not turn down this Good News we had just shared. We hugged and celebrated with her, but, in the end, Bomb would not give us her phone number. We had no way to follow up with her.

Over the next four months, Bomb was often on my mind and in my prayers. I would go downtown to look for her late at night, but could never find her. Then Duan, one of the girls from our Abundant Life Home, arrived late one night back in Chonburi after a twelve-hour bus ride. As she stepped off the bus, a girl unexpectedly rode up on her scooter and offered to give Duan a ride home. Arriving later at our house, Duan came and found us to ask for some money in order to pay this kind stranger. When I walked out to see who this person was, I was shocked to see that it was Bomb! We stood there, and stared at each other in disbelief.

I had been looking for Bomb unsuccessfully for four months, in a city of about 700,000 people. Then - all of a sudden - Bomb was there, right on my doorstep. We both agreed that it was a miracle! This time she gladly gave me her phone number.

Being reunited with Bomb in this way has reminded me to pay more attention, noticing all the pieces that God puts into place as he invites us to join him in rescuing and transforming his precious children. Pray for Bomb, and others like her we work with in our ministry project, called Standing Strong.



PELAGIE

BURUNDI

By Doug & Deanna Hiebert

She survived by begging. Begging for money, scrounging for food, hopeless and hungry. Pelagie had no dreams in life, except to survive.

Burundi is tiny, land-locked, with relatively few natural resources and chronic political tension. It has been called the hungriest nation in the world. Over half of the population live below the poverty line, resigned to a life of insufficiency. Pelagie was one of thousands.

Then, through a local church, Pelagie was invited to participate in a discipleship group. She was hesitant at first. Would she be judged? Would she be accepted? In the end she decided that she had nothing left to lose. And what she found, changed her life.



There, among others in a similar situation as herself - longing for something more without knowing exactly what that was - Pelagie found community and acceptance. She found a beautiful teaching about who God is, and about how his kingdom works. She found the lover of her soul, Jesus. And with Jesus, she found hope.

With hope, came a different understanding about herself and what she could do. So when a small sum of money was given to each member of the discipleship group for micro-financing, instead of spending it on her immediate needs, Pelagie bought a big bag of charcoal. This charcoal she proceeded to divvy up into hundreds of small amounts and then sold at a profit. Pelagie began saving for the future, a future she never imagined having. She bought some chickens, then a goat, then began helping others and even gave some of her chickens away. She learned to think differently and began helping others, introducing them to Jesus. Those from whom she once begged now came to her for help and hope.

Today, Pelagie also spends time at the local hospital - a dirty, desperate place full of sick, desperate people. She cares for bedridden strangers, and washes their soiled clothes. For some she will even spend the night, lying out on the cold, hard floor next to their bed. Her life has been transformed by the truth of Jesus. Pelagie has tasted of the goodness of the Lord, seen his impact in her own life and now she wants others to taste, and see, as she has done.

Daily Prayer Guide

August 2018

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			1 Otto & Marjorie Ekk Portugal	2 S & B Restricted	3 Doug & Deanna Hiebert Burundi	4 M & R Restricted
5 Wendy Eros Japan	6 VR Ukraine	7 Sandra Plett Mexico	8 Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters Thailand	9 M & V Restricted	10 Tony & Sarah Brown Panama	11 S & D Restricted
12 Rebecca Hiebert Thailand	13 S & S Restricted	14 Robert & Marlene Baerg Mongolia	15 Motohiro & Mariya Hamana Thailand	16 Robert & Anne Thiessen Mexico	17 J & F Restricted	18 Jill Ramer Thailand
19 Joanna Pharazyn Portugal	20 Johanna Neudorf Germany	21 Edd & Ingrid Russell Thailand	22 C & F Restricted	23 Melvin & Gudrun Warkentin Paraguay	24 Cynthia Friesen Thailand	25 Cory & Masami Giesbrecht Japan
26 J & M Restricted	27 Ricky & Karen Huebert-Sanchez Thailand	28 Phil & Carol Bergen Burkina Faso	29 Andy & Carmen Owen Thailand	30 Stacy Kuhns Peru	31 AK Restricted	