

# BEACHHEAD

## THAILAND

By Louise Sinclair-Peters

We shook our heads at the sight of thousands of dollars of sound equipment being loaded into the fragile canoes. It was crazy! But looking across the fast-flowing river dividing Thailand and Myanmar, we knew it was worth the risk. This was a beachhead moment. There were thousands of unreached Buddhists in Myanmar who had yet to hear the Gospel.

Our goal was to reach the southern villages where church planters had reported seeing the Holy Spirit moving. It was to be our first Christmas outreach, and news had already spread through all the surrounding villages.

Sending the national team across, the rest of us drove back for more supplies and Christmas presents. Then we loaded those supplies onto yet another rickety boat, set to face the high waves of the Andaman Sea, before driving back up to the official border crossing. There we came to a police check point where we were delayed for hours while they reviewed pastor Isaiah's paperwork. In the end we were told, "The foreigners must turn back. This is a Brown Zone; no foreigners allowed." With great disappointment, I watched our truck load of supplies and Christmas gifts drive on without us, waving to pastor Isaiah. He and the team were heading into a battleground.

Discouragement hit the team hard, as that first night they were not even allowed into the village. When they finally entered and began to set up, the man who controlled the electricity kept demanding more and more money, then spitefully cut the power. Undaunted, Isaiah handed out tickets for the Christmas party that was to take place the second night. The local police chief, hired to protect our team, warned that some Buddhist leaders planned to stir up trouble, waiting for Isaiah to say something against Buddhism so that they could have him arrested and shut down the outreach.

However, the night of the event Isaiah spoke boldly with love and welcome to the hundreds who attended, and his accusers were silenced. And as he shared his testimony, over two hundred people responded in prayer to receive Christ! In all, our teams hosted sixteen evangelistic outreach events during the Christmas season, with almost five thousand people hearing about the saving love of Jesus. And almost half of them responded to the message, and made a commitment to follow Jesus as their Saviour!

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# A Scorching Grace

By Nikki White

halfway there, almost done  
gain and loss, light and dark  
a scorching grace, a shining face  
radiation and radiating love

she sings a new song that is the old song whose childhood defies a disease  
where loss of eyelashes can never impair what the eye of her spirit still sees

a scorching grace, a shining face  
loss and gain, dark and light  
weariness a bag of gray entombing flesh and bones  
in foggy ditches of the mind the trench where cancer groans is met  
with groanings of the Holy One  
halfway there, almost done

a searing breath to fill her lung  
to sing and live and love and trace  
his scorching grace on shining face  
surrender of each far-off goal  
eclipsed by sunshine in her soul cries peace, be still, he sees, he knows  
shine and blaze, irradiate - while each knee bows and vows to wait

and battles rage, but war is won  
halfway there, almost done



Trever and Joan Godard are in Canada, where Joan is completing cancer treatments. Pray for her complete healing and full recovery, as they look to returning to their ministry in Guadalajara, Mexico.

# Daily Prayer Guide

March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Trevor & Joan Godard Mexico	2 Cecil & Tracy Ramos Thailand	3 G & G Restricted
4 Jen Schmidt Mexico	5 Alan & Colleen Foster Panama	6 Jon & Bonnie Esau Thailand	7 K & K Restricted	8 Walter & Ina Reimer Germany	9 John Ervin Worldwide	10 A & R Restricted
11 Barbara Block India	12 B & M Germany	13 Doris Goertz Japan	14 D & M Restricted	15 Gedas & Kristina Dailyde Lithuania	16 D & S Restricted	17 Heinrich & Annie Rempel Germany
18 Oasis Restricted	19 Richard & Hazel Funk Austria	20 Jeremy & Adrienne Penner Thailand	21 MT Restricted	22 Katie Mount Thailand	23 Bob Davis Thailand	24 PK & C Restricted
25 Einer & Girlesa Zuluaga Panama	26 R & M S Restricted	27 Tyler & Cheryl Schulz Burundi	28 Somdy & Chanh Jusse Thailand	29 Johann Matthies Germany	30 Junji & Hitomi Nukaga Thailand	31 Liana Penner Peru