

**Ministry Activities Report
December 2011
LHM Thailand**



The following are our ministries that were successfully accomplished in December 2011

▪ **Radio Program and Community Radio:**

All these ministries continued operating well. We broadcasted 3 radio programs regularly at 2 commercial stations in Phang Nga province and 1 commercial station in Bangkok, and 21 free government run community radio stations as planned this month. We received 79 letters and 148 live telephone calls.

▪ **Bible Correspondence Course and Children Bible Study:**

This month we received 21 new students from the adult BCC; there were 6 students who graduated and 92 lessons distributed. We graded 72 BCC lessons.

▪ **Internet Website and Gospel Text Messaging:**

This month 4,290 viewers visited our website and 24 responded back to us. We also received 33 responses requesting the encouraging words from the Gospel text messaging with cell phone.

▪ **Personal Visits:**

This month we had 10 personal visits by respondents

▪ **Volunteers:**

We received 9 new volunteers and 52 working volunteers this month

▪ **Connections:**

We received 35 connections initiated as a result of hearing about us from ETS/Personal Witness.

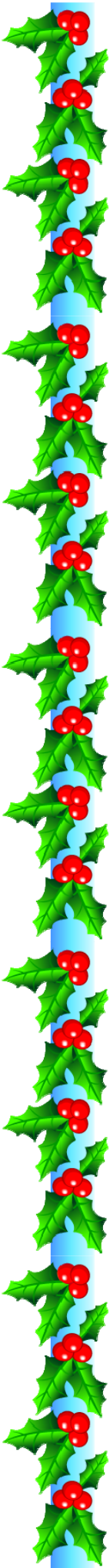
▪ **Another 500 Families Receive Flood Relief Packs:**

After some delays in getting supplies for the second distribution of Flood Relief Packs, we were able to help flood victims in two more communities on Saturday, December 10. Once again the Lutheran Hour Ministries Thailand (LHMT) director and staff are very thankful for the large number of volunteers who came on Friday, December 9 to help prepare the packs. Even with so much help, it still took about five hours to place all of the items into another 500 packs.

Because there was still quite a lot of water in their area, the residents had to come out to the main road to receive their packs from us Saturday morning. Even the big trucks that the Royal Thai Army so generously provided weren't able to drive all the way into their village. Although they had received donations from the King's Pack, the provincial government and the Thai Red Cross during the past few months, they still were in need of help. In spite of the fact that we caused a small traffic jam because we had to distribute the packs along the main road, we were able to help 200 families.

After lunch our team traveled to Bangpood Village at Wat Goo. After giving Flood Relief Packs to 263 families, the community leader gave us a short tour of the neighborhood. We were very impressed by the long ribbon of wooden walkways they had built and by the huge dike of sandbags that ran through the area. Bangpood Village had definitely been hit hard by the floods. Not only did the water level reach nearly 2 meters (more than 6½ feet), but their homes were flooded for 4 months. Just recently were they able to walk on dry ground again, even though some water still remains in low-lying areas and in the ground floor of some houses.

After spending some time together, the community leader asked the LHMT director to return to Bangpood community with her staff to conduct some special activities on Children's Day in January 2012. We thank God that we were able to provide Flood Relief Packs to the residents and for the invitation to do ministry among them on Children's Day. We look forward to seeing them again.





We still had 147 Flood Relief Packs left, so we decided to help two other groups of flood victims. Some of our LHMT staff, Concordia Into Light Lutheran Church members, students in the English classes at the church and other families in the neighborhood surrounding our LHMT office are still recovering from the floods. We are providing 47 packs for those families.

Just across the road from our LHMT office and the church/English center is a stand for motorcycle taxis. While the roads were flooded, the motorcycle taxi drivers weren't able to use their motorcycles. Some of them were without any income until the roads were dry again. Others earned a little money by walking through the flooded streets, pulling small boats that were carrying a few people and some supplies.

Our LHMT staff identified motorcycle taxi drivers whose homes were damaged in the floods. We gave Flood Relief Packs to the families of 100 of those motorcycle taxi drivers.





▪ **Cleaning Packs Project to Help Flood Victims:**

The original goal of the Flood Relief Packs Project was to provide 2,000 families, who suffered because of the floods, with rice, instant noodles, sardines, cooking oil, fish sauce, salt, sugar, medicine, a flashlight and batteries. Although modifications had to be made, the project has been completed successfully.

After the first 1,000 packs were prepared and delivered to flood victims in several communities, the water began receding. The time for cleaning homes and businesses was beginning, so the project team decided to make a change for the remaining packs. Cleaning supplies were purchased and another 1,000 packs were assembled.

The houses in Ruam Gua Community in Tawee Wattana District in Bangkok had been flooded for 4 months. When our team arrived there on December 22, the area finally was dry and the residents were beginning the big task of throwing out destroyed furniture and personal items, sweeping away trash and trying to remove the mold from the floors and walls of their homes. They were very happy that we could provide Flood Relief Packs of cleaning supplies to all 672 families in their area. The packs contained a pail, a brush, 3 sponges with cleaning pads, a container of cleaning liquid, 2 bottles of mosquito repellent, 2 pair of rubber gloves, a dozen cloth masks, 3 cleaning cloths and a container of skin balm.

On December 26 our team traveled to Tahan Bok Community and distributed cleaning packs to 300 families. The remaining 28 packs were given to the victims in the neighborhood around our Lutheran Hour Ministries Thailand office, who had been volunteering to help us with this project.

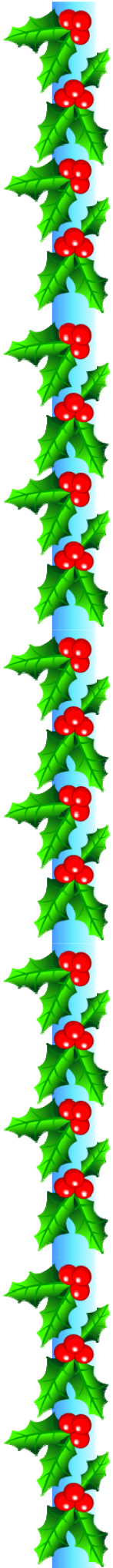
After delivering all 1,000 cleaning packs, we had some project money left. So we purchased more cleaning supplies and were able to deliver an extra 100 packs to more victims in Tahan Bok Community.

Our thanks to LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the Lutheran Hour Ministries headquarters in St. Louis and the Garuna Foundation for providing the funding for this project. We thank God for the opportunity to help a total of 2,100 families who suffered from the flooding.

We're happy that this project made it possible for us to get to know a number of our neighbors, who very generously volunteered their time and energy to help us assemble and distribute the Flood Relief Packs. In the weeks ahead we look forward to following up with some of the communities we helped.

We also want to thank all of you, who donated money to this project and who have been praying for us and the Thai people affected by the worst flooding in Thailand in more than 50 years. We very much appreciate your support and partnership in our ministry.





▪ **Christmas School Outreach Program in Samut Songkhram:**

During our annual Lutheran Hour Ministries Thailand (LHMT) Christmas School Outreach program each December we usually visit about 10 primary and junior high schools. We had invitations to do our presentations about the real meaning of Christmas at 10 schools in Samut Songkhram Province this year, but we had to change our schedule. Six schools had to cancel our visit, because they still were closed in December due to the floods that covered many parts of Thailand.

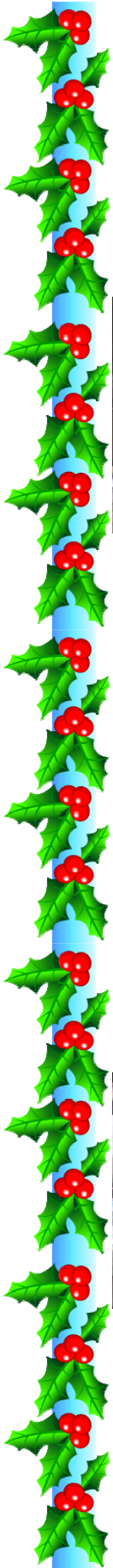
LHMT worked with local churches to plan and coordinate this program. The four schools that were in session in December were very happy to have us present our program, because they never heard about the true meaning of Christmas before.

On December 13 the schedule was arranged by Pastor Gongpop Phujan from Jaisaman Samut Songkhram Church. In the morning they did the program from 10:30-12:00 noon for 514 students at Muang Samut Songkhram School in Muang District.

In the afternoon 558 students at Ahnutbaan Muang Samutsongkhram School enjoyed the same program from 2:30-4:00pm.

On December 14 Pastor Samattapon Tankanitlert from Nimitmai Amphawa Church arranged for the LHMT team to visit two schools. From 10:30-12:00 noon the LHMT team did the program for 299 students at Amphawan School in Amphawa District. In the afternoon 130 students at Tessabaan School #3 participated in the program from 2:30-4:00pm.

Because all of the schools were primary schools, our staff showed the "Joel, The Little Shepherd" video to the children. After watching the video, the LHMT staff talked about the story with the children to be sure they understood the main points about Christmas.



In addition to the video, the LHMT staff led many fun activities with the students. They sang Christmas songs, played games and gave many door prizes to the children. The pastors introduced their church members who helped with the program, told the students and teachers about their churches and gave a blessing to the teachers and students.

In spite of the schedule changes the trip went very well. Everything was well organized by the pastors and our LHMT team were very happy with the results. Although we weren't able to present the program at six schools, we thank God for the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas with more than 1,500 students and teachers. We also had a good chance to get to know pastors and some of their church members and to begin building good relationships with them. We look forward to working with them again in the future.



MINISTRY STORY

"Because You Are Loved" Listener Knows She is Loved

Name: Yaudkwan Leungsatit

Age: 41 years old

Occupation: Raising partridges

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Miss Yaudkwan Leungsatit is 41 years old. She is single and lives with her father and four siblings in Suphanburi. The family owns a farm for raising partridges and earns their living by selling them.

Miss Yaudkwan says that she doesn't have many problems in her life. But after listening to the radio program "Because You Are Loved" she became interested in knowing the story about God. The radio speaker gave a personal witness about her faith, so Miss Yaudkwan wanted to learn more deeply about Jesus.

Miss Yaudkwan contacted Lutheran Hour Ministries Thailand (LHMT) and asked how she could learn more about Jesus. The LHMT staff helped her enroll in the first course of the Bible Correspondence Course (BCC).

Learning about Jesus Christ through the BCC and listening to radio programs makes Miss Yaudkwan feel sure that God is near her and always will be with her. She says, **"The radio program 'Because You Are Loved' is a good way for me to get to know Jesus Christ. I'm very happy to know the story about God and to get to know Jesus' love."**

Miss Yaudkwan wanted to visit a church, so LHMT introduced her to Samphan Suphanburi Church, which is near her home. The pastor has been nurturing her and she's preparing to be baptized soon. Please pray for Miss Yaudkwan, that her baptism will be very meaningful for her and a good chance for her family to get to know about God also.

PLEASE PRAY:

- ❖ Please pray for Thai people that Christ's love will touch their hearts through the work of LHM Thailand and other Christian organizations.
- ❖ Please continue to pray for Thai people who are suffering because of the floods.

Please visit our Thailand blog <http://lhmthailand.wordpress.com> for more information about the floods update.

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God Bless You



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