



BANGKOK

30-DAY PRAYER GUIDE







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BANGKOK

Bangkok is a bustling city of 15+ million people. Known by travelers worldwide as “The Land of Smiles,” people flock here to experience spicy Thai food, tropical weather, and local hospitality. However, if you look past the physical beauty of this city and the warm smiles of the people, you will quickly see a land of darkness. Bangkok is plagued with sexual oppression, poverty, and corruption. Although Christian workers have been present in Thailand for over 200 years, this city is still largely unreached with the gospel with less than 1% being followers of Jesus. Approximately 95% of Thais are Buddhists, and most have never heard the gospel. While there is some evangelical Christian presence in Bangkok, there is a growing presence of the prosperity gospel and cults. Each year, more and more Thais are moving into the city from provinces across the country to find work. People from many nations are also migrating here, making Bangkok a melting pot of endless opportunities.

TEAM VISION

The vision of the Greater Bangkok Team is to see all 15+ million people being reached with the gospel through healthy, reproducing churches within every segment of the 50 districts and 5 surrounding provinces of our city.

HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

The Bangkok Metropolitan area is made up of 50 districts and 5 surrounding provinces. These areas have been divided into 30 days for the prayer guide. Each day of the guide introduces one or more of the areas, tells you about the work our team has in that area, and lists specific ways you can pray.

On each day, there is a QR code that will link you to a video of some of our partners in that area so you can meet them and hear how to further pray for them. Scan the QR code below to see our introduction video.



DAY 1



DUSIT & PHRA NAKHON

Making up the center of political power in Thailand, Dusit and Phra Nakhon are steeped with royal history. They currently act as the hub of parliamentary and government activities as an estimated 150,000 people call these districts home.

Dusit, home to the royal family, was established in the early 1900s. Dusit translates to “fourth level of heaven,” which is fitting, considering the royal family has great spiritual significance within the Thai Buddhist culture.

Just south of Dusit, Phra Nakhon is hugged by the mighty Chao Phraya river, the life source of the city. As Bangkok’s central district, it is one of the most visited areas by locals and tourists because of its Grand Palace and large universities. In the very center of Phra Nakhon is the City Pillar Shrine, considered the spiritual center of Thai citizens’. At this crossroads of present-day government and Thai Buddhism, there is but a single church, Niramit Mai Church, which is located in Phra Nakhon two blocks from the royal home. The district of Dusit is yet to have a single church.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Thai government and its leaders, including the royal family and current king.

Pray for the strengthening and equipping of Niramit Mai Church as it is a single light in a vastly dark area.

Pray for God to bring about new work in this area.

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DAY 2



PHAYA THAI & RATCHATHEWI

Phaya Thai district was established in 1966, splitting off from two older districts due to population growth. The current population is 70,238. Ratchathewi, with 72,304 residents, became a district after splitting from Phaya Thai in 1889. Both Phaya Thai and Ratchathewi districts have nine churches.

Ratchathewi district is home to the Victory Monument that commemorates a pre-World War II conflict in the French-Thai War. Ratchathewi district is also home to the Baptist Student Center (BSC) where English and other languages are taught to Thai people as a tool to reach them with the love of Christ. New church plants as well as hundreds of new Thai believers are a result of the ongoing work at the BSC, which has the mission to assist other churches and to promote gospel sharing throughout Thailand.

One of the churches started through the BSC is called the Church of 300, signifying the vision to have 300 laborers of Christ to take the gospel into Bangkok anytime, anywhere, with anyone. Founded by Khun Daeng, this church now has small groups and a new worship gathering in other parts of Bangkok.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the BSC to have an impact through English teaching and gospel sharing. Pray for volunteers to come and partner in this work.

Pray for Khun Daeng to have wisdom as he shepherds his young church to raise up laborers for the harvest in Bangkok.

Pray for other churches to equip their people to grow and make disciples among their own friends and family.

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DAY 3



DIN DAENG & HUAI KWANG

The name “Din Daeng” means “red soil” and is derived from the main thoroughfare of the same name that cuts through this district. The area was full of red soil dust during construction. The district of Din Daeng was created in 1993 due to population growth in Bangkok, and has become very densely and highly populated partly due to many inexpensive apartments built by the government. There are many small townhouses in this district where the first floor of a two-story house is used as a small factory with seven to eight people working there. If one were to go for a walk along two small side streets, one would encounter about 1,000 people working there.

The name “Huai Khwang” means “creek barricade.” Historically the terrain here consisted of wetlands and creeks with waterways being the main means of transport. The many water canals have been a major mode of transportation for nearly 200 years, but now there is also a modern sky train and subway system that combines new with old. Huai Kwang is home to many neighborhoods and modern shopping malls. Today, the district has attracted a new generation of Chinese, leading it to be called “New Chinatown,” distinct from Bangkok’s traditional Chinatown, Yaowarat.

There are seven churches in Din Daeng among the population of 122,563 people, and 11 churches in Huai Kwang with a population of 81,515.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that Khun Kee and Nok, young leaders in this area of Bangkok, will grow in their faith. Pray that those they disciple will grow and multiply other disciples to become the cores of new churches.

Pray for the church to multiply disciples who will be laborers for the harvest.

Pray that God will create openness to the gospel among the lost.

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DAY 4



BANG KAPI & WAN THONGLANG

Bang Kapi is a large, densely packed residential district in the northeast area of Bangkok. It is believed the district is named after the early, majority Muslim settlers or “Kapiyoh.” This referred to the cap worn by Islamic men, and the name was shortened to “Kapi” which became the district’s name. Although still inhabited by a large number of Muslims, Bang Kapi is a diverse area where Thai Buddhists also live peacefully among their Muslim neighbors.

Many of the residents in this area are university students. Ramkhamheang University, one of the most notable universities with approximately 435,000 students, has long been a focus for Christian workers. Along with neighboring district Wang Thonglang, there are 54 churches amongst a combined population of 260,000.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for hearts of the large number of university students throughout the Bang Kapi district to be open to the gospel. Pray for Christian students to boldly share the good news with their peers.

Pray for churches in these districts to be burdened to share the gospel with the lost and for new churches to be planted.

Pray for churches to be protected from the prosperity gospel and cults that have been increasingly influencing the Thai church.

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DAY 5



SATHORN & BANG RAK

Sathorn and Bang Rak are two neighboring districts located east of the Chao Praya River. Considered “downtown Bangkok” these districts are known as centers for finance and commerce. Expensive office buildings and embassies stand in juxtaposition to the limping woman selling items at a traffic light and the homeless man sleeping on the sidewalk in front of 7-Eleven. The contrast between rich and poor is not the only contrast found in these districts. On the city block that houses the Bangkok Christian College, you’ll also see an elaborate Hindu temple that welcomes a stream of visitors all day. It’s a clear contrast of light and darkness.

Within walking distance of the Baptist Thai seminary located in Sathorn is a gay spa - a contrast of righteousness and sinfulness. Walking in the other direction from the seminary is a detention center where refugees and illegal visitors to Thailand are detained for months, sometimes years. Many of these refugees are believers who have fled the persecution of Christians in their home countries, only to be met with another kind of hardship in Thailand - a contrast between freedom and captivity.

Rich and poor. Light and darkness. Righteousness and sinfulness. Freedom and captivity. Sathorn and Bang Rak represent a great need for the gospel message in Bangkok. =

Pictured Left: Donut smiles in front of the new construction at the Baptist seminary.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for our national partner, Donut, and her fiancée, Chai, both graduates from this seminary, as they work alongside the Bangkok team to reach the city for Jesus.

Pray for the detainees at the detention center, that believers will not lose heart but continue to trust in the Lord and find comfort in His Word.

Pray that those in bondage to sexual sin will know the glorious freedom and righteousness that is found only in Christ.

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DAY 6



PATHUM WAN

Pathum Wan is the heart of cosmopolitan living in Bangkok. This city center is one of the most accessible areas with all forms of public transportation available. Luxurious mega-malls offer countless hours of activities and shopping. Students wind through the city's oldest university, Chulalongkorn. Runners jog around Lumpini Park, the most iconic green space in Bangkok. In the middle of this activity, thousands come each day to make merit at Erawan Shrine, a nationally known and revered sacred site. As you walk around the shrine, it is easy to notice opulent wealth and success that Thais value.

With about 50,000 residents, there are four churches in Pathum Wan. Just outside of Pathum Wan district, there are two churches in neighboring districts that have a long history of supporting and directly impacting the Great Commission endeavors of the IMB in Bangkok. Those churches are Immanuel Baptist Church and Calvary International Baptist Church. Both have partnered alongside the Greater Bangkok Team, whether through providing facilities for the job training program of The Victory Way, partnering in reaching migrant populations, or helping serve other local churches.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray against the idol of money. Thais base their idea of success on wealth and their lives are based around this.

Pray for the thousands of people who visit Erawan Shrine every day to make merit, praying for success and favor in their life.

Pray for Immanuel Baptist Church and Calvary Baptist Church as they minister in the surrounding areas. Pray they would have more access points into the Pathum Wan area to share the gospel.

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DAY 7

BIGDOGS



WATTHANA & KHLONG TOEI

Watthana and Khlong Toei are home to nearly 300,000 people and have two of the highest proportions of churches in the city. Sadly, it also boasts two of the most infamous red-light districts in a city known for them. There are an estimated 200,000 people working in the sex industry in Bangkok. Poverty, family financial obligations, limited education and teen pregnancy contribute to the prevalence of prostitution, and high demand from wealthy tourists make it a tempting profession for many people. The neon lights of illicit bars, massage parlors and karaoke shops can't illuminate the spiritual darkness that can be felt here.

Mint used to walk in this darkness every night, seeking money to provide for her young son and other relatives. Now she walks here to tell others about the Light of the World who led her out of that darkness. She was once sad and hopeless; now she's full of joy and laughter, always singing to the Savior she loves. Mint is a bold evangelist who works with The Victory Way job training program to lead women to Christ and into employment that honors Him. Lifepoint Church, in Khlong Toei district, has partnered with the Greater Bangkok Team through providing internship opportunities at their cafe to women participating in The Victory Way job training program.

Pictured Left: Mint stands in front of one of the main red-light areas of the city.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Mint and her team at The Victory Way to share the gospel and disciple well as they reach women in the red light districts.

Pray that many women will leave the darkness of prostitution for a transformed life in Christ.

Pray for an army of women like Mint to leave their life in darkness behind but also to return to the area to share with others how Jesus can change them too.

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DAY 8



BANG SUE & CHATUCHAK

Bang Sue and Chatuchak districts are home to approximately 280,000 people. Chatuchak district includes the famous Chatuchak Weekend Market, one of the most diverse markets with more than 11,500 vendors selling to more than 200,000 visitors every weekend.

There are also five universities in these two districts. One of the top universities in this area, Kasetsart University, is where IMB workers began evangelistic outreach more than 15 years ago. Recently Grace Community Church started a church plant on the campus led by a man named Daeng. The church plant is made up of about 20 Thai believers who all graduated from Kasetsart within the last 20 years. Daeng, a graduate of Kasetsart, desires to reach this campus and community with the gospel.

The “KU Christian Club” is a student-led organization on the Kasetsart campus that draws about 5-15 Christian students weekly and provides fellowship and encouragement. IMB missionaries in partnership with Grace Community Church and the KU Christian Club continue to reach out with the Good News of Christ to current students, faculty and other workers along with people in the surrounding community.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the work at Kasetsart University in reaching the lost. Pray for the four other universities located in this area.

Pray for Daeng and Grace Community Church as they work to disciple and train believers in evangelism and grow to plant new groups.

Pray for healthy relationships/ partnerships to be built with missionaries, the KU Christian club and local Thai churches in the area to reach these two districts.

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DAY 9



LAT PHRAO & BANG KHEN

Lat Phrao and Bang Khen are two of the most highly residential areas of Bangkok. Sprawling neighborhoods fill Bang Khen, one of the city's most populous districts. Lat Phrao is an up-and-coming neighborhood for the younger population. At any time of the day, people in these districts find themselves stuck on the bus or in a taxi in traffic on Lat Phrao Road, a major road connecting various districts throughout the city.

If you walk the streets of the neighborhoods in the early morning hours, you will witness Thais participating in traditional Buddhist rituals. You'll see monks walking the streets to receive alms from people yearning to earn merit before starting their busy workday. Although there are a few churches in these areas, many of the people in these districts have yet to hear the gospel.

One of the churches in Lat Phrao is Faith Baptist Church. Planted 20 years ago in partnership with IMB, this church has faithfully ministered to the surrounding neighbors. Pastor Somjai, who planted the church, continues to shepherd the congregation and encourages his members to be involved in ministry and evangelism.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the families in the vast number of homes in this area. Pray the Lord would cause households to come to faith so that new, healthy, reproducing churches can be formed here.

Pray for Pastor Somjai as he leads Faith Baptist Church. Pray that the church would be a bold witness to the neighborhoods surrounding the church and beyond.

Pray for more Thai laborers to be raised up in this harvest field.

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DAY 10



SAI MAI & KHLONG SAM WA

These two districts on the northeastern edge of Bangkok are home to more than 400,000 people, but there is only one church of any denomination per 30,000 people. The only Baptist church in Sai Mai is within a five-district area that covers some 100 square miles.

Bo and Gigi are cousins who grew up in that church. Bo is a project manager with a demanding workload, but he maintains his focus on the Lord Jesus and loves to lead others into the presence of the Lord through music. Gigi works long hours as a dentistry professor but, despite her busy schedule, still finds time to share about Christ and teach the Bible to all who desire to learn. Both Bo and Gigi hope to use their giftings as they partner with Baptist missionaries to start a new church in a neighboring district to become the second Baptist church in the 100-square mile area. They both recognize that these fields are ripe to harvest and they are faithful to go work in them.

Pictured Left: Bo and Gigi stand together.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the 14 churches in these two districts. Pray for each one to be faithful to the Scriptures, diligent to preserve the unity of the body and bold in sharing the gospel with their neighbors.

Pray for Bo and Gigi to persevere and be encouraged in their work, their home lives and their ministries.

Pray for more healthy churches to be planted among the 400,000 people of Sai Mai and Khlong Sam Wa.

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DAY 11



LAK SI & DON MUEANG

Lak Si and Don Mueang districts have a combined population of nearly 300,000 people. Lak Si is known for the many government and military buildings that are located in this area. The immigration office is located in the Chaeng Watthana Government Complex where all missionaries have to report each year to receive their visa to be allowed to live in Thailand.

Dhurakij Pundit University is also located in Lak Si district with about 12,000 students. IMB personnel and Thai believers have worked alongside one another to reach students on this campus.

Don Mueang district is well known for having one of the oldest international airports which many people still use today to travel in-country and to other surrounding countries. There are no Baptist churches in the Don Mueang district, but three ladies in an apartment complex in this district have come to Christ. These new believers are now being discipled by the Greater Bangkok Team, and there is a hope to have a church plant started in this complex soon.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the outreach that is taking place at DPU in Lak Si District. Pray for the gospel to be heard and that students would respond.

Pray for the new believers in Don Meuang that they would grow in their faith through weekly discipleship.

Pray for the vision of a church plant in this apartment complex located in Don Mueang district to come to fruition. Pray for this discipleship group to grow and for many families to come to Christ.

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DAY 12



LAT KRABANG & SAPHAN SUNG

With a combined population of over 268,000 people, these two districts in far eastern Bangkok have as much diversity in them as they do land size. With its close proximity to the large Suvarnabhumi International Airport, Lat Krabang is a serene area known for its various industries while Saphan Sung is mainly a sparse residential area.

Sorn and Gik, along with their two children, are newcomers to Lat Krabang. Called out of gang life, addiction and exploitation, they are now church planters with a vision to share Jesus and make disciples. Their love for the Lord is visible in everything they do, and their passion to teach God's word and lead others to worship the One true God is the dedication of their lives. In 2018, they started The Blessed Church with the purpose of being a blessing to their community and see people come to know Jesus who then also become evangelistic disciples.

Pictured Left: Gik and Sorn stand in the neighborhood of The Blessed Church.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Sorn and Gik and their family, asking God to protect them, guide and lead them, and sustain them in their full-time church planting work.

Pray that The Blessed Church will continue to grow in Christ and be a light in the area God has placed them.

Pray that God will provide them opportunities to make His name famous by sharing the Gospel, teaching Biblical truths, and discipling the people of Lat Krabang and Saphan Sung.

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DAY 13



POM PRAP SATTRU PHAI & SAMPHANTHAWONG

With Chinatown at the heart of Samphanthawong and a 180-year-old Chinese church in Pom Prap Sattru Phai, both districts are home to many Chinese markets, shrines and temples. This area is popular among tourists and locals alike because of many bars, temples, massage parlors, hotels, hostels and shops. Sadly, one of the main attractions of the area is a red-light district for locals. Women from all over Thailand come and line the streets each day ready to be bought. One of the most popular corners for these women is located right across the street from a local church.

In Thailand, it is common for women from the sex trade industry to not be welcomed into local church congregations. Thankfully, there is a group of dedicated nationals who visit this area weekly sharing the gospel and showing the love of Jesus with the women who work here.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the women working in the red-light district will open their hearts to receive the Good News of Jesus and His love for them.

Pray that the local churches will soften their hearts to the women working in the sex trade industry.

Pray for those who are regularly doing outreach in these districts.

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DAY 14



YAN NAWA & BANG KHO LAEM

Yan Nawa district is located near the center of Bangkok along the Chao Phraya River, which means ‘River of Kings’ and extends down from the ancient capital of Ayutthaya to Bangkok. In the past, this area of Bangkok was called “water buffalo pen village” because of a large number of water buffaloes often brought to market for trade. It became a district in 1972 and as Bangkok grew, parts of this district were split off to form two new districts- Bang Kho Laem and Sathorn. Yan Nawa district has many older neighborhoods along with a newer suspended cable bridge that crosses over the Chao Phraya River to the other side of Bangkok. Under this bridge international ships and barges traverse showing Bangkok’s connections to peoples all over the world that are still unreached with the gospel.

Bang Kho Laem is adjacent to Yan Nawa district with many neighborhoods and international tourist spots, such as Asiatique, which is located on the river banks. Yan Nawa district has 78,797 people with six churches. Bang Kho Laem district has a population of 89,350 people with four churches. Both districts are about 0.5% Christian.

The Greater Bangkok Team currently has no partnering churches or believers in these two districts. Though this part of Bangkok is older than many others and has a rich history dating back to the beginning of the establishment of Bangkok as Thailand’s capital 200 years ago, the gospel has barely penetrated the society here. People are born, live and die without ever having the opportunity to hear the Good News of Jesus.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the churches to grow strong and multiply disciples that can take the gospel to the people in businesses, homes and government offices.

Pray for the lost people of these districts, that God will open their hearts to the gospel.

Pray for God to grant us partner churches, both here and abroad, to partner in taking the gospel to the people of these districts.

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DAY 15



BUENG KUM & KHAN NA YAO

Located in the northeastern part of greater Bangkok, these two districts reveal the vast differences in the ways of life in this city. Bueng Kum, home to over 145,000 residents, was created as a water reservoir to help with flood prevention in the city. Khan Na Yao, with just over 94,000 residents, is home to two golf courses, two large upscale shopping areas and an amusement park called Siam Amazing Park.

In the southeastern corner of Bueng Kum sits a community housing project called Ban Ua Arthorn. With 133 buildings each with over 60 rooms, it is estimated that over 23,000 people live in this housing project. During the Covid pandemic of 2020, a team of believers who work with women in the sex industry of Bangkok were able to provide food and financial assistance to a few women living in this community. One of those women chose to follow Jesus, is no longer working the sex industry, and now has an opportunity to serve as God's light there.

PRAYER FOCUS

With no active work or partnership in these districts, pray that God would send workers and begin to open doors for the gospel to be shared.

Pray that people from all walks of life in these two different districts would find new life in Christ.

Pray for the woman the Lord has redeemed in Bueng Kum that He would use her in the Ban Ua Arthorn housing project to be a light for Him.

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PHRA KHANONG & BANG NA

Phra Khanong was once a much larger district but was divided over this past century into several other smaller districts, including present-day Bang Na. The deep value Thais place on Buddhism and animism can be seen through the 17 kg of gold and 1,063 diamonds that decorate Wat Thammamongkhon temple in Phra Khanong district.

In contrast to the ancient Buddhist traditions, these two districts have become trendy residential, shopping, and business areas that continually draw people into rampant materialism. In recent years, massive numbers of Thais and foreigners have moved from the city center to these districts to escape the crowds of central Bangkok and enjoy the various amenities offered to families desiring a suburban lifestyle.

The suburban lifestyle, however, comes with obstacles to the missionary task. Many people desire to remain anonymous to their neighbors, making it difficult to reach these districts with the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet, a church known as Bang Na Christian Fellowship was started in this area by American missionaries to minister to expat residents. It has since transformed into two churches, including the international church as well as a strong, healthy Thai church. The members of this church have strong hearts to reach Bangkok with the gospel.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that one day the Lord will use His people to establish a Baptist church in the districts of Phra Khanong & Bang Na.

Pray that God will cause the peoples of these districts to become completely disillusioned with their ancient Buddhist and animistic heritages.

Pray that the members of Bang Na Christian Fellowship Church will actively share the Truth of Christ with their neighbors and those in the surrounding area.

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DAY 17



PRAWET & SUAN LAUNG

Prawet and Suan Luang districts are located on the eastern edge of Bangkok near the larger of the city's two international airports. With an abundance of inexpensive housing, plentiful employment opportunities at local industrial complexes and close proximity to downtown, the area is a popular residential choice for many Thai people.

After selling herself on the street for years, Noon moved into this area when the coronavirus pandemic all but eliminated her foreign customer base. Desperate, she accepted a gift of food staple items from believers and received so much more than physical sustenance. She gladly responded to the gospel call of the Lord Jesus and left her old life behind to follow Him. Since that day, Noon's transformation has been amazing. Her very countenance reflects the joy that fills her heart. She now works as a housekeeper and is part of a local church who loves and disciples her. She reads her Bible and prays for hours daily. Noon also loves to share what Jesus has done in her life. Her greatest desire is to see her family members come to faith.

Pictured Left: Noon stands on one of the prominent red-light district streets.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Noon to grow in the faith and to be bold and accurate in sharing the Good News.

Pray for Noon's family to see the change in her and to choose to follow the One who can transform lives.

Pray that many would leave the red light districts to follow Jesus. Pray they would walk in the Spirit and stand strong against the many pressures that tempt them to return to the old life.

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DAY 18



BANG PHLAT, BANGKOK NOI & BANGKOK YAI

Three small districts bordering the Chao Phraya River in the western section of Bangkok- Bang Phlat, Bangkok Noi and Bangkok Yai- are all in great need of access to the gospel. The name of Bang Phlat even means “lost place” because it was known as a place where people frequently found themselves lost due to the winding water canals within. With the beautiful, golden Rama VIII bridge towering over Bang Phlat and acting as a major passageway over the river, locals brag about their famous man-made structure.

Bangkok Noi was once known as *Amarin* or *The Immortal Indra*, referring to an important deity in Hinduism, a testament to the melting pot of belief systems that make up Thai spirituality. Nearby Bangkok Yai boasts many gold and gem-studded Buddhist temples. With so much beauty, success and national pride, the people in these areas are blinded to their real need for salvation.

PRAYER FOCUS

While the people of these districts see beauty in the golden bridges and temples that have been created by man, pray that they behold the beauty of the Creator God.

Pray for a new work to be started in the Bang Phlat, Bangkok Noi and Bangkok Yai districts so that the people there will have the chance to hear the Good News of Christ.

Pray that the Lord would reveal Himself to the people of these districts and that they might come to have a relationship with Him.

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DAY 19



THON BURI & KHLONG SAN

Thon Buri and Khlong San were once a part of the “Thonburi Kingdom” ruled by its one and only monarch, King Taksin, from 1767 to 1782. Thonburi served as an intermediary capital for old Siam between the 400-year Ayutthaya kingdom and the Chakri Dynasty which is currently ruling Thailand with its tenth king now on the throne. Following the death of King Taksin, one of his top generals, Phraya Chakri, assumed the throne and established the current dynasty on the eastern side of the Chao Phraya river. Proud of their brief moment of historical glory, a giant traffic circle was constructed at the border between the two districts with a statue of King Taksin in its center.

An IMB worker serving in Bangkok has recently begun to use social media and websites to target the people of Khlong San with the gospel of Jesus Christ. As nearly everywhere else in the world, the Thai people are glued to their phones, so this worker is utilizing ads on social media to reach the masses with the gospel message. The hope is to be able to engage in direct communication with people showing interest in the gospel through this technology for relationship development, evangelism, discipleship and church planting.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that one day the Lord will use His people to establish a healthy, biblical church in the districts of Khlong San and Thonburi.

Pray that the use of technology in Khlong San will prove successful in sharing the gospel with many people and in facilitating face-to-face relationships for evangelism and discipleship.

Pray for more laborers to be sent into this vast harvest field.

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DAY 20



NONG CHOK & MIN BURI

On the far eastern side of Bangkok, Nong Chok and Min Buri are quite rural in comparison to the bustling downtown areas of the city. It is not uncommon to see water buffalo on the sides of the roads and rice fields as far as the eye can see. These two districts are made of a population that is over 75% Muslim and 25% Buddhist. Of the 200 mosques in Bangkok, at least 45 of them are located in Nong Chok alone.

The combined population of Nong Chok and Min Buri is 311,000. With only 16 churches of all denominations, these districts still need much gospel sowing. Although many of the Muslim communities in Bangkok have roots to Malay Muslims from southern Thailand, they have resided in these districts for nearly 200 years and identify themselves as ethnically and linguistically Thai. Other Thai Muslims have either inter-married into an Islamic family or recently converted to Islam. Currently, there are little to no churches of Muslim-background believers in these areas.

Pastor Winai from Glory Baptist Church in the district of Min Buri saw there was no Baptist church in the neighboring district of Nong Chok and desired to see a church planted in that district. He reached out to the Greater Bangkok team to partner with him in seeing a church planted there.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ask that God will work in the hearts of the Muslims of Bangkok to be receptive to the good news and cause them to seek Him.

Pray for Glory Baptist Church and other churches in these districts to be burdened and bold to share the gospel with both their Muslim and Buddhist communities.

Pray that Muslims would come to faith and desire to share the gospel with their friends and family members so that churches will start in these dark areas of the city.

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DAY 21



THUNG KHRU & RAT BURANA

Rat Burana lies west of the mighty Chao Phraya River and has a population of 82,545 people. Currently there are just two churches in Rat Burana, neither of which are Baptist. Connecting Rat Burana to its neighboring district across the river is the Rama IX Bridge which spans 450 meters and is named after the late King Bhumibol Adulyadej. The bridge's massive yellow pylons can be seen from miles away and is a reminder of Thailand's ninth king who was beloved by his people for his dedication to the welfare of Thai people. At the base of the river in Rat Burana is the first ferry pier on the Chao Phraya River. Thousands of Thai people commute to work daily on this river ferry, the majority of whom never have the opportunity to hear about Jesus.

Thung Khru is a district comprised of 121,833 people and houses the Islamic College, King Mongkut's University, and several Buddhist temples. Thung Khru is not a district that many tourists visit, however it is home to the Chalerm Phrakiat Bang Mod Stadium where Bangkok Football Club plays their home games.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for a movement of Baptist church planting to take place in Rat Burana and Thung Khru.

Pray for each individual that commutes to work daily on the river ferry would have the opportunity to hear the gospel and give their hearts to God.

Pray for open doors at both the Islamic College and King Mongkut's University to connect with students and share the gospel.

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DAY 22



NONG KHAEM & BANG KHAE

Nong Khaem, with a population of 155,722 people, has no evangelical churches. This district lies on the outskirts of Bangkok and is known for the factory that once produced Thailand's favorite instant ramen noodle brand- MaMa. Home to one of the city's large trash dump sites, many in this district have poor living conditions, experience poverty and health issues.

The district of Bang Khae is mostly known for the Bang Khae Market, one of the biggest wet markets in Bangkok that sells fresh produce and meat. Home to 193,002 people, Bang Khae is one of the largest residential areas in the greater Bangkok area. With such a vast population and such little gospel engagement, there is much work to be done in this area.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in the hearts of Thai believers in nearby districts and provinces to plant churches and engage Nong Khaem with the gospel.

Pray for the Lord to provide Thai partners for our team in these districts.

Pray for the impoverished of these districts. Pray that Thai believers would be burdened to reach the physical needs of the poor as they share the Good News of Jesus.

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DAY 23



CHOM THONG & PHASI CHAROEN

Chom Thong, with a population of 167,794, has no Baptist churches. This district which is known mostly for a historic Chinese temple and for producing delicious fruits is in desperate need of gospel sowing.

The district of Phasi Charoen derives its name from the canal which divides the quiet district. Walking through the winding streets along the canal gives the feeling of being in the countryside rather than in a mega city. Phasi Charoen has a population of 126,824 people with six churches, none of which are Baptist. There are two subdistricts, Khua Sawan and Phak Klong Phasi Charoen, that do not have any churches at all. Spiritual darkness can be felt under the shadow of the huge golden Buddha statue that towers over this district and can be seen from great distances across the city.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for those in Phasi Charoen who are surrounded by the darkness of Buddhist temples and statues to have an encounter with Jesus, the one true God who can forgive their sins and bring them peace.

Pray for workers to be sent into Chom Thong to sow seeds of the gospel.

Pray that Lord would make His Name known through the local churches in these districts, that many would be brought out from the shadow of Buddhism to under the shadow of God's wings.

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DAY 24



THAWI WATTHANA & TALING CHAN

Thawi Watthana lies on the western, outer edge of the city of Bangkok. A charming residential area with unique museums and small galleries, Thawi Watthana is an escape from the hustle and bustle of busy-Bangkok. Thawi Watthana's neighboring district, Taling Chan, has been nicknamed "Bangkok's Kitchen" because of the many gardens and orchards located there throughout its history. Known for its criss-crossing waterways and floating markets, Taling Chan is most easily accessible by boat.

Together, these two districts comprise a sizable population of more than 200,000 that is largely unreached with the gospel. There are also, as of yet, no national partners or existing churches working in connection with the Greater Bangkok Team to pursue growing God's kingdom in these areas.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray that the Lord would raise up new believers and leaders who would reach out in these two districts to share the Good News with those who are lost.

Pray that as the residents of Thawi Watthana and Taling Chan go about their daily lives, that they would be confronted by the Truth and their innate need for salvation.

Pray that the couple of churches in these districts would be lighthouses of the gospel and beacons of Christ to those in their surrounding areas.

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DAY 25



BANG BON & BANG KHUN THIAN

Located on the southwestern edge of Bangkok and boasting the city's only seashore, Bang Bon and Bang Khun Thian were one large district until early 1998 when Bang Bon was officially sectioned to become Bangkok's newest district. With a population of nearly 300,000 and only 18 churches in this area, there is much work to be done for the Kingdom of God here.

Ja gave her life to Jesus at a Baptist church camp in 2015 when the Lord convicted her of her sin and assured her of His forgiveness. Since that time, her faithful witness has led several others to the Lord, and she now disciples a group of young believers weekly. Most of those are former students of the tutoring center she manages out of her Bang Bon home. High school and university students come to Ja to improve their English, and she introduces them to the One Who can change their lives. She serves her students in many capacities: counselor, mother, encourager and listener. But her biggest impact has come as a faithful witness for the Lord Jesus!

Pictured Left: Ja stands in front of her students at her English center.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Ja to honor Jesus as she teaches English and shares the gospel. Pray that He would send her students whose hearts are open to respond to Him in faith.

Pray that the Lord would provide for Ja and her family through the tutoring center.

Pray for the group of believers disciplined by Ja to grow in their faith. Pray that many would come to know the Lord through their witness.

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DAY 26



SAMUT PRAKAN

One of the five provinces surrounding Bangkok, Samut Prakan is south of the city and split into halves by the Chao Phraya river where it empties into the gulf of Thailand. Samut Prakan was originally built as a fortress to protect Thailand's capital, with ruins still showing its history.

Amongst the 1.3 million people living in this province, one church shines its light. Light of Life Church is a small church with a big heart that was started 10 years ago by its current pastor, Khun Taup. Pastor Taup has a desire to see other churches planted across the city, and the members of Light of Life have also recently caught the vision of reaching Samut Prakan for Christ. Intentionally prayer-walking and sharing the gospel in the neighborhoods surrounding the church, the members are becoming more bold in proclaiming their faith and have seen several friends and family members surrender their lives to follow Christ.

Pictured Left: Pastor Taup smiles in front of his church building.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Pastor Taup as he leads Light of Life Church. Pray the Lord continues to stir in Taup's heart the desire to see the church multiply out into other areas of the city.

Pray that the members of Light of Life will continue to be bold in their witness and will reach out even more to their neighbors, families and friends.

Pray for new believers to be disciplined well and that they would be disciples that make disciples.

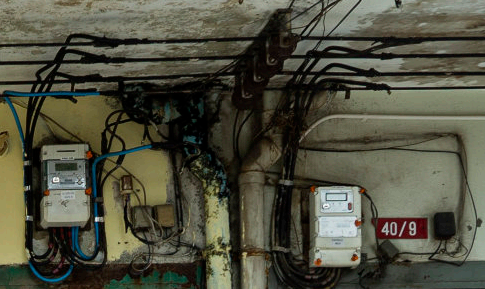
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SAMUT SAKHON

Samut Sakhon Province is located on the southwestern border of the metropolitan Bangkok area. Situated on the Gulf of Thailand, the province is known for its shipping and trade. In ancient times, this is where Chinese products would be received into the city, establishing a great economic environment. Today there are more than 6,000 factories in Samut Sakhon providing numerous jobs and opportunities for the local people and migrants alike, however this also causes the greatest water toxicity and air pollution in the city. Samut Sakhon boasts one of the Thailand's most famous floating markets called Amphawa where food and products are sold on boats on the canal. This also is a major tourism hub where locals and foreigners rub shoulders to do business.

The migrant population in Samut Sakhon provides a unique opportunity to share the Gospel with people from other ethnicities like the Burmese from neighboring Myanmar. A handful of small Burmese churches have just recently been established in this area that hope to be a launching point to see many migrants and refugees reached with the Gospel. But with nearly 200,000 foreign migrants living in this area, the work is just beginning.

Just like the contaminated environment, the majority of people of Samut Sakhon, both Thais and migrants, are lost in darkness without access to the Gospel. With hearts devoted to business and the pursuit of wealth, the people here are in great need of the hope and blessings that only come from a relationship with the God who loves them.

Pictured Left: Pastor La Seng stands in front of where his church meets.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for the evangelistic outreach happening among the migrants and refugees of this area

Pray that as the water flows in abundance in this district so would the knowledge of the Living Water among the people of Samut Sakhon.

Pray for the handful of churches that are already established in Samut Sakhon – that they would reach out to their neighborhood with boldness and courage to testify of God's gift of salvation to those who are in darkness.

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NAKHON PATHOM

Nakhon Pathom is a province bordering Bangkok to the southwest with a population of 920,030. Many of these residents travel in and out of Bangkok for work. With only one Baptist church in the province of Nakhon Pathom, there is much work to be done.

Some scholars believe that Nakhon Pathom was one of the first areas in Southeast Asia to which Buddhism was introduced from India. A railroad brings travelers from many parts of Thailand via Bangkok to the south of Thailand, passing through Nakhon Pathom province. Many travelers step off the train in Nakhon Pathom to make a pilgrimage to Phra Pathom Chedi, the tallest and largest stupa in Thailand. Although there is much debate regarding its age, many believe this stupa to be the oldest in Thailand. This famous stupa is visited by many seeking to make merit and receive blessings.

PRAYER FOCUS

The task before the church in Nakhon Pathom of reaching a large number of people is great, but our God is greater. Pray that the Lord would cause the church in Nakhon Pathom to be bold, faithful witnesses.

Pray that the Lord would cause His Light to shine through the dark shroud of Buddhism that has covered this area for centuries.

Pray that those who make the Buddhist pilgrimage to this province would come to know Christ, the true Way that leads to the Father.

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DAY 29



NONTHABURI

Nonthaburi is a province of Thailand located northwest of Bangkok city limits but is a part of the Bangkok urban sprawl. In 1665 King Narai of Thailand built a fortress in Nonthaburi because the main river of central Thailand flowed through there giving enemies an easier route to the capital of that time, Ayutthaya. It officially became a city in the mid-1600s although the province wasn't incorporated into Bangkok until the 1940's. Nonthaburi has a population of 1,250,000 with 51 churches and is 0.25% Christian. Ko Kret is a small island in Nonthaburi province where Thais and tourists enjoy going to make merit at the famous Buddhist temple.

God is drawing people to Himself in this place who are growing and becoming laborers for the harvest themselves. One such young laborer for Christ is named Khun Mik who came to Christ about three years ago. Mik was led to Christ and discipled by another Thai believer, and as he grew in his faith he led his younger sister who was a university student to Christ. Then, both of his parents and other family members and neighbors came to faith as well.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for Khun Mik, that through him and those he has won, disciples will grow who will make other disciples and see churches planted in this unreached area.

Pray for the Thai church, that it will grow in strength and in number.

Pray that every person in this province might have a chance to hear the gospel.

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DAY 30



PATHUM THANI

A province just north of Bangkok, Pathum Thani is a large metropolitan area of the city with 1.1 million people living within its boundaries. In close proximity to Bangkok, many living here commute into the city for work. This creates unique challenges to reaching the people of Pathum Thani with the gospel, as they are often in transit.

The 600 square miles of this province are filled with a combination of temples, parks, universities and lush farmland. Pathum Thani is also known for one of its largest people groups, the Mon people who have Burmese roots. Famous for their pottery, many of the Mon people are tradesmen or peasant farmers with strong animistic beliefs. Currently, there are 44 known churches in Pathum Thani, with only two of those being Baptist churches.

PRAYER FOCUS

Pray for barriers of time and availability to be overcome in reaching the residents of Pathum Thani with the gospel.

Pray for the Mon people and that God would start a work among them.

Pray that connections would be made with the churches of this district and that they would be strengthened and equipped.

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