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1/31/2012 OLC+

THANK YOU for your continued support of prayer and finances for our ministries here. Some of you have been giving since 2005, or even from the end of 2004 when we first announced our intention to come to Thailand! For others, we want to increase our ministry budget, so please consider making a donation or email us for more info.

FLOOD RELIEF FUNDS have helped a lot of people in NewSong Bangkok Church and OLC. Thank you! We received a total of \$2,800 from many of you, and gave most of it through NewSong Bangkok to help clean people's homes, and also \$1,350 of it to help rebuild a collapsed house in Lopburi Province (NewSong added \$300 more), which is expected to cost about \$3,500. We helped two families with \$300 in OLC whose houses needed repairs. NewSong staff used \$620 from our fund and offerings from other members to help other families and relatives in NewSong. Rangsit Church, pastored by the father of our member, Christina, was hit severely by the flood and \$150 was sent to help a little bit. We have about \$300 left that we gave to a member of OLC who helps children with disabilities in Don Muang, another heavily flooded zone in Bangkok; we will visit that center where she volunteers in two weeks. (Money was distributed in THB, so the numbers might be a little off with the different exchange rates over the past few months; and official donations given through GP had the usual 10.5% administrative deductions.)

NEWSONG BANGKOK CHURCH is planting another site ("verge") in March. Our plan to decentralize to 5 areas last fall was shelved when the floods came; after more time to think, it seemed better to plant different sites one by one, more naturally. Kilang is planning to start another verge in the Silom area later this year and I will help him.

OLC+ is the name we're using for this new plan my friends and I are dreaming up. We've been meeting at restaurants for Bible studies in English; but it can get noisy and discourages some of the older members from attending regularly. Kilang is

looking for a verge site. Nok, one of the lay leaders in NewSong, has been wanting to start an English school for a while now. Together, we think we can come up with something that will help achieve each of our needs. We've only met



twice to talk about OLC+ specifically, and we're not even set on a name yet; it'll probably be different than Outreach Language Center. But it's an exciting prospect, and something I will spend much more time on this year.

MYANMAR WITH JOS (Joy of Sharing), a Korean non-governmental organization, is a new role I've picked up for 2012, with the flexibility and approval of my Field Director and Area Director. I've already made my first trip there with Dr. Myung Lee two weeks ago, and will go there at least several more times to help him with his microfinance project. JOS is being sponsored by KOICA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) and partnering with MBE (Myanmar Business Executives Association) for this project.

OLC is trying to find a suitable location for Bible studies in the Silom area.

Please pray that:

1. *God will help my parents stay healthy, and to get more help in directing Chonburi Mission Center.*
2. *The new opportunities to serve will prove to be beneficial to all of us.*
3. *Newsong Bangkok Church will continue to grow under its new coordinator from Irvine, Daniel Ross.*

In Christ,
Paul, with Sarah, Lydia and Timothy

We want to edify you. Let us know if you wish to UNSUBSCRIBE or keep in touch through other means (eg, emails, snail mails, or occasional postcards).