

FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER

For Thai English Students

Peace and Love on September 11, 2001

Where were you on September 11, 2001? This question has been asked often. People from all around the world will never forget the pictures of the airplanes crashing into the World Trade Center towers. We will not forget seeing those large buildings falling to the ground. We will not forget the many who died in the buildings, on the ground and in the airplanes.

The Bangkok Post reporter, Bhanravee Tansubhopol, was in New York City that day. She says that "an outpouring of love"* towards others in need, is also part of the September 11 story.



Rattana Promrak, another Thai who was in New York City on 9/11, shared about a total stranger who helped her. Because of her experience in New York, Rattana wrote about the most important things of life: "the need to spend time with my family, to enjoy life, to thank people and to be grateful." *

But along with the sad stories, many stories of courage and faith were reported on TV and in magazine articles. When the world faced this experience together, many people began to think about God. A reporter asked two people, "How did you get out of the building?" One of them replied, "I guess when I prayed, Someone heard me!" The other person said that they believed that God had led him out to safety.

Others, like Todd Beamer who led the men to overcome the hijackers on one of the airplanes, also called out to God for help. Todd died but had courage in his heart because of his faith in God.

The Bible helps us know what God is really like: "He is called, the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father and the Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

He can help anyone who calls on Him for help! He can give peace to your heart.

Questions: Did you understand what you read?

1. What things will we *not* forget about September 11, 2001?
2. What was Bhanravee's job while in New York City?
3. What four things did Rattana think are important in life?
4. What are four names of God in the verse from the Bible?



Something to Think About: Discussion Questions:

1. What are the most important things in your life?
2. What would you do if a terrorist attack happened near where you live?
3. How would you find peace instead living in fear?

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