

FRIENDSHIP NEWSLETTER

For Thai English Students

Is Your Hut Burning?

The story is told of a man whose ship sank. He was the only survivor. He swam to a small island nearby and found that no one lived there. He was so hungry and was afraid that he would not survive.

There was no one to talk to -- no one to help him. He was so lonely, so he prayed to God. He asked God to rescue him. Everyday he kept looking for a ship to come and take him off the island. To protect himself from the sun, he made a little hut to live in. He kept the few things he had taken with him from the ship in his little hut.



One day, he came back from looking for food on another part of the island and found his little hut was on fire. Smoke rolled up into the sky. He was so sad and upset to see the little hut burn up. Everything that he owned was lost. He looked up into the sky and said angrily, "God, why did You let this happen to me?"

The next morning, he woke up early when he heard the sound of a ship coming near his island. He was so happy that someone had found him and that he was going home! He remembered his prayer. God must have been listening and had sent help!



When he was safely on the ship, he asked, "How did you know I was on that island?"

"We saw your smoke signal," one of the men on the ship replied.

Often our problems make us feel sad and all alone. We feel that no one cares. Next time your problems make you feel this way, think about the little hut that was burning on the small island. It may feel like everything is going wrong. But maybe that is God's way to help you know that He has answers for your life! Look up and tell God that you want to know Him and have His help in your life. He knows your needs and cares for you!

God says, "Give me all your problems, I care for you! (From the Bible: I Peter 5:7)

1. Where did the man in the story live? Why did he live there?
2. Tell about his life on the island? How did he feel?
3. What did he do when he knew that there was no one on the island to talk to or help him?
4. What did he do to protect himself from the sun?
5. What else did he use his hut for?
6. What happened to his hut and how did he feel then? What did he say?
7. How did God answer the man's prayer?
8. What does the question, "Is your Hut Burning?" mean?