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THAILAND PRAYER UPDATE

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National Data

as of January 2010

Population

63,038,401

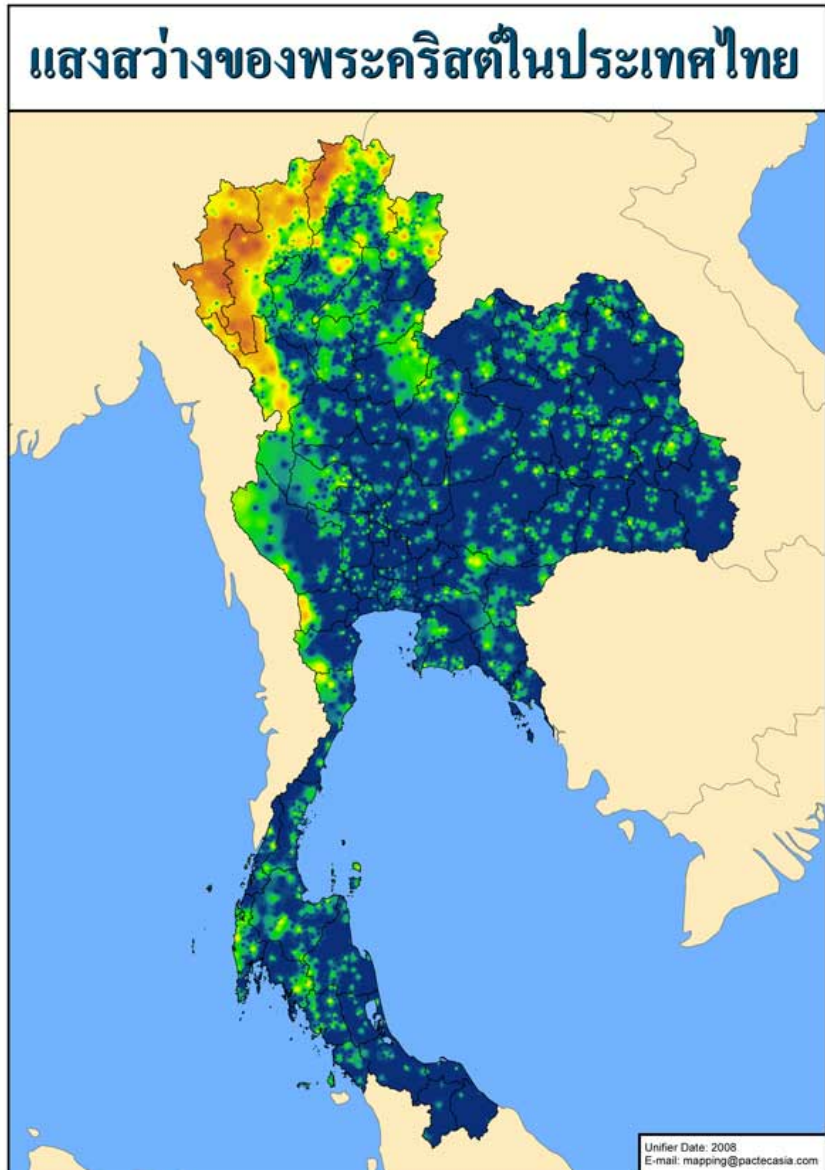
Christians

339,048

Churches

4,186

Percent Christian

0.54%Percentage of districts (amphurs)
with no churches**23%**Percentage of sub-districts
(tumbons) with no churches**78%**Percentage of sub-districts with no
Christians**47%**Percentage of population who
have little or no opportunity to
hear the gospel because there are
no Christians near them**35%**Number of people who have little
or no opportunity to hear the
gospel**21,814,049**

Dear Fellow Christian,

You are receiving this email because of your love and interest for the country of Thailand. The purpose of this email is to encourage you to pray for this country. A Thai version of this email is being sent to thousands of Christians in Thailand and an English version to hundreds of others around world. Prayer is

What is a Church*?

A church is three or more Christian believers meeting together on a regular basis to worship God and is not a cell group of a larger church body.

*only Protestant churches

How we count Christian?

Of course God is the final judge. But for our purposes we count Christians as anyone who is a member of a church. No matter if it is a large city church or a small house church.

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the cornerstone of growing the Body of Christ in a nation - without prayer it will not happen.

This is the first of many emails we will send you highlighting different areas and provinces in Thailand. Our desire is that you would use these emails to pray specifically for this nation and to share this email with your church, your small group, your social media network and among your Christian friends so they too can pray.

The map in this email is called “**The Light of Christ in Thailand.**” The yellow areas are places where churches are located. If there are many churches in an area the yellow is brighter or turns red. If there are no churches the area is dark blue. As you can see in this map, the northern part of Thailand has 50% of the churches. Even though there are more churches in the north, that does not mean more are not needed – it just shows where the majority of the churches are located. As you move south and east there are vast areas where there are no churches. The data elements on the left side of the map provide national statistics about the Church in Thailand. Subsequent emails will provide maps and data on a provincial level.

As you pray for Thailand here are specific items to pray for.

1. Pray for the health of the king of Thailand.
2. Pray for the new Thai government.
3. Pray for the thousands of people affected by flooding all over Thailand
4. Pray that God would send workers into the dark areas where there are no churches.
5. Praise the Lord that nationally, church membership is growing at a rate of 4 to 5% a year. Seven times faster than the biological birth rate.
6. Pray for Vision 2015 - that God would raise up 100,000 Thai church members to become disciple makers to reach their friends and neighbors for Christ - so in the year 2015 we will have 1,000,000 followers of Jesus in Thailand.
7. Pray for those God raises up to be disciple-makers, that they would be courageous in sharing their faith and faithful in discipling new believers.

We welcome your comments and suggestions. Please send us praises and prayer requests for your province or area of ministry. We will try to include them during the week we send the email out for that province.

For God's Glory,

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