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Boew just called to tell me that he had finished giving out tracts. This former Moslem was in the barbershop with ten other people waiting their turn, when out of the blue someone asks, "What is the meaning of life?" Boew's answer was that God created us to worship and love Him. The next question was, "Is there a heaven and hell?" Boew answered that there is and that God had created Hell for rebellious angels, but that people who did not believe Jesus Christ are destined for the same place. I think there was an angel there serving up questions!! Boew's job is cutting grass and sometimes ferds goats. If I wrote that he reads his Bible three hours a day, it would be an understatement.

While witnessing to a coworker, Boey was explaining that we don't get to Heaven by obeying the five or two hundred twenty seven commandments of Buddhism. Nor the 10 Commandments in Exodus 20, but by accepting Jesus Christ is a person saved.

Our older women are a continual witness and a great blessing to us. Because of their witness, we had two baptisms

this month. One is the mother of our town drunk, the other is Boey's mother, a stroke victim that lives in the village.



One of our younger ladies has decided on her own to be a Sunday School teacher. Two weeks ago she began teaching on Creation and had the kids color pictures of animals. We then took these pictures and had them laminated for placemats. We showed them to the adults during church who with each name and showing showered praise and clapping on each one. These kids seldom get praise for anything they do and even though embarrassed, the smiles on their faces were precious. It's Thai New Year here. Baan and Bee helped Tim set up the pouring of scented water over the adults hands (the kids were happy to do this after so much praise heaped on them.) Then Tim taught on Joshua who faced

off others with his belief in God. A fitting story for this holiday which has become as vile as Mardi Gras.

We ask prayer for our Abigail. She is a police officer and loves her job. Four months ago she hit her head while being pulled down concrete steps. She has had many problems because of this and has much therapy ahead of her. Also pray for our Ben. This past week he has been a little more open to tell us about things that had happened when he was NOT living with us. He was three to five years of age at the time. No child should have been exposed to the stuff he was exposed to or to go through what he did. Pray for him as he continues to "bare his soul" and as he grows that we will be able to teach him in the way he should go.

We would like to thank you for your continued support to our work here. Your faithfulness has made it possible for us to continue in our work here. Have a good week and know that we pray for you also.

Tim, Maureen and Ben