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Together with some missionary volunteers, we were gathered under our meeting tent, recollecting some of the highlights of our day while enjoying the chilly night breeze. Suddenly, the local church pastor, Pastor Joe, rushed in and interrupted us, saying, "Pastor Karlo, someone is in shock and also has a baby!" In an instant, the medical team followed Pastor Joe, rushing across the dark football field towards the house behind the school cafeteria, passing along a barbed-wire fence and a small wooden bridge.

Within those fleeting moments, ambivalent thoughts took over me. I was praying that nothing bad would happen while my mind ran through different scenarios of the situation. Climbing the ladder of their stilt house, I heard a shortness of breath, which gave me an idea of what to expect. When we got to the top of their home, there on the wooden floor, a mother was lying on the mat, with half of her body covered with a blanket,

faintly crying, and in distress, with her baby by her side, and some family members seated, scattered around the house, observing her. She was on the verge of having a full-blown panic attack.

We learned that she is a three-month postpartum who has given birth to a baby boy. Vital signs checked and were normal except for her breathing. After some calming interventions and a prayer, she relaxed and felt much better. A prayer of thanksgiving flowed through my mind for helping the mother get through the situation.

Just as we were about to wrap up, the baby cried, hinting at hunger. We helped the baby latch onto his mother for milk, but he couldn't suck properly. Crying persisted only to discover that the baby also had some complications; he got a tongue-tie. This made latching and feeding a challenge for both the mother and the baby. As a solution, the mother

Message from the Pastor

El Shaddai, our God, is sufficient and our sustainer. As we close this year, we praise God for His tremendous goodness and blessings that He has brought to our church. We have accomplished a great deal this year in our inreach and outreach programs. We have seen how our church members take on roles and responsibilities as they serve to enhance our church's ministry here in Bangkok. The Lord is always faithful! Even though there are challenges and difficulties, we are blessed that God's grace is sufficient to help us push through these circumstances, which becomes

a witness to God's providence.

We still have a lot of room for improvement, and as we face this New year, we move forward with confidence that our great provider will supply all our needs and He will fulfill His will in our lives. Let us work on programs that will lead us to collaborate more with one another, so that we may cultivate the spirit of humility and unity in our church.
El Shaddai!



Pastor Karlo Diel

BIBLE TRIVIA

His Love Endures Forever!

In Psalm 136, you may have seen that the phrase “His love endures forever” repeats. Did you wonder why? You might think it's a response or chorus placed throughout the poem for each line, but there's much more to it.

As you read on, the phrase becomes a theme of the psalm, showing that in moments of Israel's history, whether dangerous, sad, or jubilant, God's love for them is everlasting.

When they were in Egypt, His love endured. When they were in the wilderness, starving, thirsty, and tired, God provided for their needs, showing that His love lasts forever.

If this phrase was a constant promise of the Lord's eternal love to the Jewish nation, then it should be our promise of His great love to us Christians today. We often go about our lives lamenting our problems while also celebrating our joys. However, we should view both experiences positively, as they are moments when Christ's love for us continues to shine through.

We should see Jesus' love in the many things that happen in our lives, not only in the times when we were down or in the happy times, but also in the miraculous ways that He has looked after us, provided for us, and protected us. Let us be reminded daily of Psalm 136:1, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good — His love endures forever.” As we prepare for the New Year, let's face it with the constant assurance that God's love will always be there for us, reminding us that we are His treasure. It's not just a chorus in the poem, but a motif that reminds us of the Lord's steadfast love, which will endure even to the end of this world.

Let's share this beautiful fact today!



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would express milk from her breasts every single day. This resilient boy was also discharged from the hospital a few days prior. After some cuddling and comfort, the baby was soothed and fell asleep. Even with all these complications and challenging living conditions, the baby is thriving.

We shared some baby clothes and supplies from the donations with this family and another family in the neighborhood. Towards the end of our visit, we had a conversation. I told her to always pray to God, for He alone can help us. She said, but I'm not an Adventist. I replied, “You know God doesn't look at our religion; everyone can pray to Him and ask for help. Also, please don't consider yourself a burden to us. We are happy to be here to help you. It's because of God that we are here at the right time and right moment. I know your situation is difficult, but you have to take care of yourself. You can do it.” When everything was settled and all was calm, we concluded our visit with a prayer.

On our way back to the school, I can't help but ponder how difficult life can be in rural places like this. The disparity in status is obvious. It pierced my heart to see them in their current state. This made me think about our purpose: why we do things like this, setting aside time and resources to be here. I have nothing of my own, but I depend fully on God for provision and protection. It is when we don't have anything, and all we have is Him, that in His perfect time, He will execute his perfect will for you. We've only scratched the surface of this problem; the real causes run much deeper, and they need more of our prayers.

If we purpose in our heart to sincerely lift in prayer every burden, the Lord will perform wondrous, unimaginable ways and unthinkable solutions right before our eyes.

Before coming on this mission trip, I had some personal prayers to God. One of my prayers was that God would send the missionary volunteers who are fully committed to spreading His love and ready, regardless of the situation. The Beacons of Hope of Bangkok International Church is now in its third year, and it's our second time here at Mae La Klo Christian School in Mae Sot, Tak Province. Every time there is a call for a mission trip, missionary volunteers respond positively. This year, we had fifty-six missionary volunteers coming from different churches. Various programs for the students were offered. During the morning, we have Mountain of Miracles Vacation Bible Xperience (VBX), together with other classes, such as Music Station, which is divided into three classes, namely Choir singing, Ukulele, and Angklong Classes, and there are also Health and games stations. In the afternoon, there were Pathfinder skills and activities.

We were also able to provide services in other areas, such as computer setup, walkway construction, and basketball ring construction. We're able to accomplish all of these because of everyone's support through their prayers and donations, whether financial or in-kind. These blessings were also extended to the communities near and far.

On our last night, a group of students made a campfire. The warmth of the fire and the laughter of these kids have drawn me into the circle. The sight of flames and sparks rising and disappearing evoked in me feelings of blissfulness and awe, reflecting on how God turned all this mission trip's challenges into possibilities. His ways are truly higher than my mind can fathom. What a marvelous Father He is! In the warm embrace of the fire that brought comfort, I was reassured that God was taking care of all my worries. A reminder to follow Him all the way. Then I whispered a prayer: “What's next, Lord?”

...in all your ways submit to him,
and he will make your paths straight.
Proverbs 3:6

INSIDE STORY



Mountains of Miracles: A Full-Circle VBX Experience

For many families, Vacation Bible School is far more than a yearly children's program—it is a cherished tradition that connects generations through faith, fun, and fellowship. At BIC, this year's Vacation Bible eXperience (VBX), **"Mountains of Miracles: God's Love Is Rock Solid,"** became a powerful reminder of God's unshakable love and the strength of a community united in Christ.

A Tradition That Grows with Families

"It's been three years since our family started joining VBX at BIC, and every year reminds me why we love coming back," shared Sheena Dalida. "This program helps bring children closer to Jesus in such a fun and meaningful way."

Like many parents, Sheena saw firsthand how VBX sparked joy and spiritual growth in her children. Each day, her daughters Yana and Eyah eagerly shared stories about crafts, songs, new friendships, and lessons about God's love.

"I've seen beautiful changes in them—they've become more responsible, kind, and thoughtful," she said.

Their experience also brought back fond memories of her own childhood Bible programs, reminding her of the lasting impact early faith foundations can have.

A Full-Circle Moment for Volunteers

For volunteers, VBX was equally meaningful. I personally experienced it as a "full-circle moment." As a child, I was once the one enjoying all the activities. Now, helping create those same experiences for other children brings an entirely different kind of fulfillment. Seeing my son experience VBX again, after missing it last year, made it even more special.

Another volunteer and parent, Des, shared similar joy. "I'm happy to be part of this wonderful ministry for the Lord. I enjoyed preparing anything I could to help get these little ones ready for the Kingdom of God." Her reflections on childhood memories of missionaries sharing Bible stories highlighted the importance of introducing God's Word early in life.

Preparing the Heart Before the Event

Choosing each year's VBX theme is a prayerful process. Children's Ministry head LJ Noay guides the team through chain prayers, Spirit of Prophecy readings, and thoughtful discussions. This year's theme, "Mountains of Miracles: God's Love Is Rock Solid," stood out as a timely message: God's love never changes, even when life's challenges feel as big as mountains.

Preparation began long before opening day. Beyond planning meetings and creative brainstorming, the most impactful preparation was Heart Preparation Week, a seven-night period of united prayer.

"We could really feel Jesus' presence," shared volunteer Sheilou. "By the time VBX started, we weren't just ready, we were strengthened in faith. Our efforts felt small, but God's power shone through every song, smile, and story."

The Most Rewarding Part

For the volunteers, the greatest joy wasn't the activities themselves but watching children meet Jesus personally.

"Seeing their faces light up as they discovered that God's love is rock solid... that's something we'll never forget," said Sheilou.

Pastor and church leaders echoed this gratitude, emphasizing that VBS remains one of the best ways to plant seeds of faith and bring the community together.

"There were so many miracles—big and small," shared one volunteer. "From the children's bright smiles to the unity among the team, God's hand was in every detail. We can't wait for the next VBX!"

CHURCH LIFE

We praise God for allowing the church to host various programs that not only bring members together but also serve as a beacon of His grace and love.

OCTOBER

Pastor's Appreciation Day

We are truly grateful for the years of faithful service of our Pastor and his family at BIC, and the church made sure they felt appreciated during Pastor's Appreciation Day.



Concert for a Cause

The church came together, including our children, to hold a concert for a cause. We praise God for how He has led the church to help others through this effort.

NOVEMBER

Pathfinder Induction

Our Pathfinders are officially inducted as we begin another year of growth and learning under God's guidance.



DECEMBER

BICCO Concert

A beautiful night of music and worship, reminding us of God's faithfulness as He brings people together for a meaningful and memorable cause.



REFLECTIVE SERIES!

Our youth in BIC recently dove into a sermon-writing workshop that reminded us of a powerful truth: every message begins with a willing heart. The workshop created a space for the youth to pour out their hearts with humility, openness, and a readiness to serve, qualities that shape a message God can truly use.

During the session, our pastor, Karlo Diel, and Elder Gabriel Salvacion generously shared wisdom drawn from experience, guiding the youth to understand that sermon writing goes far beyond structure or delivery. They were encouraged to listen first—listening to God, to Scripture, and to the needs of the people we are called to serve. This approach invited deeper reflection and helped our young leaders see preaching as a spiritual discipline rooted in faith and obedience.

The workshop also inspired meaningful dialogue. The youth were encouraged to reflect deeply, ask thoughtful questions, and approach ministry with sincerity and faith. Their passion stood out most. Their eagerness to learn, grow, and serve was evident in every discussion and reflection. While each participant brought a unique perspective, they were united by a shared desire to be vessels of truth and hope.

Full articles written by each youth participant are now available on our YouTube channel and Instagram. These reflections capture their personal takeaways, spiritual insights, and the lessons they are carrying forward in their journey of service.



Proverbs 27:17
As iron sharpens iron
so one person sharpens another

EP. 1



EP. 2



EP. 3

“This workshop was more than a learning experience; it was a reminder that the next generation is ready to step forward with courage, commitment, and a heart for service.” — Ivy Dagaojes

FEATURED MINISTRY

The Thailand Adventist Mission (TAM) held its first-ever nationwide Master Guide Convention under the theme "Renew, Refocus, Lead." From October 10-12, 2025, Master Guides from all over Thailand gathered at the Thailand Adventist Mission Compound for a meaningful time of fellowship, learning, and spiritual renewal.

Under the leadership of Pastor Chaiwat Konratanasak, Youth Ministry Director of TAM, the organizing team thoughtfully prepared inspiring sessions and engaging activities for Adventurer, Pathfinder, and Masterguide instructors. Some helpful topics that may help instructors reach the present generation are the Discipline Approach, Child Safety and Protection, and How to Use AI in Youth Ministry. The afternoon activities, which were well received by many delegates, included Ropemanship, First Aid and Rescue, and Broadcasting.

SSD Youth leaders, along with the newly elected GD Youth Director, Pastor Heshbon Buscato, served as resource speakers and instructors, offering guidance. Other Union and Mission Youth Directors and MG Leaders also joined the convention to share their experience, insights, and passion with all the delegates.



The convention saw an overwhelming number of delegates, with attendees traveling from distant areas such as Yasothorn, Hatyai, Chiangmai, and Laos, alongside enthusiastic participation from nearby clubs.

The first-ever Master Guide Convention in Thailand was a significant, much-anticipated event for the entire Master Guide community. It created a wonderful opportunity for participants not only to reconnect with old friends but also to forge new and lasting friendships. About 20 delegates from different clubs were also invested during the event.



This atmosphere of camaraderie was cultivated through a variety of engaging and thoughtfully designed activities specifically aimed at fostering strong community building. The team promoted challenges that fostered collaboration, shared spiritual devotionals that unified attendees, practical leadership workshops that encouraged peer-to-peer learning, and cultural exchange sessions that broadened perspectives. Some of the Club Ministries showcased their programs and activities in their church and community through video presentations. The convention served as a powerful platform, reinforcing the Master Guide movement's foundational bonds and inspiring attendees to return to their respective clubs with renewed passion and a stronger sense of global fellowship.

The gathering truly felt like a family reunion, filled with joy, unity, and a shared sense of purpose as participants exchanged stories and experiences in youth ministry. It is a glimpse of what our heavenly reunion with Jesus would be like.

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our creative crew!



Editor's Note

your story matters to us!

As we come to the end of the year, we are deeply grateful for the guidance and leadership of our church. We have been blessed by the many stories shared, each one a testament to faith, growth, and God's grace among us.

These testimonies inspire and encourage us, and we look forward to hearing more of your stories in the days ahead.

May we continue to share, celebrate, and tell of God's work in our lives together.

Maranatha! Happy 2026!



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