



GROWING UP!

'Growing up' sounds like a straightforward process until we think how we got there! At each stage in our lives, just when we thought we had everything sorted, a new wave of challenges came along. The adventures of childhood were lined with bumps and bruises. And as we became adults, we met the new challenges of work,



relationships, housing, health, and society. The journey continues! Spiritually of course we are always moving forward. Even when our relationship with God is firmly in place, growth in grace and ministry opportunities continue throughout our lives.

At the close of this year, it is helpful to recall some of the new pressures that have arisen in the Thai work. We need the Lord's grace to cope with them all!

*** NTC becoming a charity.**

With the growth of NTC (Network of Thai Christians in the UK), it seemed appropriate to register as a charity, to safeguard the direction of the work, its financial basis, and its governance.

Little did we expect the challenges of the application process, and the requirements for setting up a board of Trustees.

Now with the application successful, we are trusting the Lord to lead us through the new setup, and provide people gifted and able to steer us in the right pathway.

*** The internet revolution.**

We began with group meetings on-line. After using Messenger, we graduated to Zoom. Distant members joined on-line prayer times.

Instead of our annual Camp and Fellowship Weekend, nationwide gatherings on Zoom took place. Then came Saturday evenings 'NTC Live' broadcasts on Facebook, bringing teaching to a wider audience.

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Spiritually of course we are always moving

Recently David has preached on-line at church services, and even pre-recorded a sermon midweek to be used the following Sunday!

It's not all been positive however, as many members are showing 'zoom fatigue', and are keen to restart face to face meetings.

Sickness and death.

One of the Thai believers has just completed 6 weeks of intensive chemo and radiation treatment for cancer. Despite severe pain, her testimony of cheerfulness and thanksgiving to God has impacted fellow patients and Thai believers alike.



Another Thai believer faced the death of both her mother and husband in a 2 week period. She has experienced the support of fellow Thai believers, many of whom attended the funeral.

A London group member returned to Thailand to nurse her mother through her final days. Now she is unsure where or not to return to the UK.

The Thai work is 'growing up' to maturity in these and other areas. Please pray that we follow the Lord faithfully through the new challenges before us.

Also for prayer

* The NTC committee meeting in November produced a great set of vision plans! Pray for discernment to know which ones we should follow.

* Christmas is a good opportunity to invite Thai friends to hear the Gospel; pray for creative ideas to celebrate and share together online.

* Pray that the NTC executive committee relates well to the new Trustees board. Also that 2 new committee members fit in well.

* Hannah's daughter Esther takes her A-levels next summer; pray for good success.

* Grace works in cross-cultural ministry at Holy Trinity Platt church; pray for good progress in the work.

A very Happy Christmas to you!

David and Mary



Thai fellowship group meetings, December 2020

Please pray for online meetings in

3. South Shields 5. Carlisle 10. Manchester
12. W.Midlands 12 Birmaingham 12.Sheffield
13.Huntingdon 14.Barrow 19.Worthing 20 London

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