

# PROJECT BARNABAS CHRISTIAN MISSION

NARATCHAKWAI, THAILAND

On December 28, 2016, Advent Christian Missions New Zealand's (ACMissionNZ) 12th Work/Ministry Team traveled to Nakhon Phanom in northeastern Thailand to visit Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai. Ernie and Garry Schäche and five teenagers from Takanini Community Advent Christian Church in Auckland were joined by Patrick Forbes from Seattle, Wash., to become the Project Barnabas team of eight!

Our overall goal was to be encouragers, through friendship, fun and serving, to the leadership team at the Mission: Maeo (John Middlewood's widow), Brother Boontaa, who serves with pastoral duties, and six teenage girls. Ploy, assisted by Parn, Lita, K'kaew, Jobe and Guitar, spend weekends at the Mission Compound planning, preparing and leading the Sunday service, teaching Sunday school as well as English to the children and enjoying activities with them.



Maeo and the CMN girls



Project Barnabas Team's leader Garry Schäche reports:

1. Mission Aim #1: to encourage the girls' practice of speaking English. Our team of teens didn't take long to get to know the girls at the Mission. They had a great time working, playing and worshiping together. Lasting friendships have been formed and communication continues via social media. *Mission accomplished!*

2. Mission Aim #2: to re-paint the compound perimeter wall and carry out maintenance in needed areas at the mission. We not only washed and painted the CMN wall, but we continued across the wall fronting Maeo's adjacent home. We installed electrical breakers and repaired or replaced sound system components. We served by working hard. *Mission accomplished!*

3. Mission Aim #3: to expose our teen team members to another culture, to peers who are faithfully serving in their church and ministry and to cultivate and inspire a heart for ministry. While there, we:

- attended and contributed to church services, ministry and community projects,
- visited their homes, villages, schools, their city and the region's attractions,
- saw dedication, serving and outreach in Jesus' name; we saw beauty,
- saw poverty and need.

So, was this mission aim accomplished? - Were our teens not only exposed to the experience, but inspired by it? If you ask them, I'm sure they'll say, 'Yes!' Please pray for the on-going impact of this experience on their lives and on the lives of those we made connections with. Pray that this mission aim will be accomplished!

Will we do it all over again? Lord willing - yes, we will! For more photos from our trip and our project log, check out our Facebook page — [facebook.com/Project.Barnabas.CMN](https://facebook.com/Project.Barnabas.CMN).

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# PRAYER & PRAISE

Easter Sunday  
April 16, 2017

April 2017



"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead"  
(1 Peter 1:3 ESV)

Join in united prayer with  
other Advent Christians

Advent Christian  
General Conference



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# PRAY

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1. For our interim-president, Rev. Paul Dean as he prepares for the upcoming Triennial business session and as he prepares to bring the sermon on Sunday morning of the convention.
2. For the gathering of the Southern Regional WHFMS at Camp Dixie in N.C. this month. Pray for safe travel, sweet fellowship and for guidance as they make plans for future ministry.
3. For all of our churches around the world, for their ministries to their local communities as well as for the financial resources to meet their needs. Continue to pray for the leadership and training priorities in those areas.
4. For all of our local pastors and church leadership as they make plans for their Easter celebrations. Pray that the gospel of the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus will be proclaimed clearly.
5. For patience and resources for the Advent Christian Conference of Haiti (ACCH) as they continue to meet government requirements to complete the registration process.
6. For ACCH president Jean-Claude's eyes as he continues to suffer from pain and lack of clear eyesight.
7. For the ministry of Cristo Salva as a team serves in Honduras from April 17 – 24, 2017.
8. For Jefferson and Penny Vann as they speak this month at Takanini Church in New Zealand. Pray for the Good Friday service at Takanini, as many in the community come to this service who do not usually go to church anywhere. Pray that they hear the gospel and respond to it.
9. For two churches in the capital city of Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of the Congo, that were swept away by a flood.
10. For Pastor Alain Don'Tony, conference president of South Africa, as he struggles to plant a church in Port Elizabeth under difficult circumstances.
11. For Brother Boontaa, who is a critically important member of the leadership team and staff at Christian Mission ban Naratchakwai (CMN).
12. That sufficient resources will be available for the feeding program at Iglesia Torre de Salvación in Mexico to continue meeting the needs of the community without government assistance.

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# PRAISE

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1. God for the Penny Crusade funds received that support the work of our Department of World Outreach. Many of our churches give generously through special fundraisers with the goal of increasing their contribution each year. To God be the glory!
2. God for the faithful ministry of our Advent Christian retirement communities as we recognize them on Sunday, April 2, 2017.
3. God for the Advent Christian camping ministry and for all of our local churches who will be participating in "Power of Camp" Sunday on April 30, 2017.
4. God for raising up leadership with vision and gifts to lead the Mexican Conference.
5. The Lord that out of the sorrow from the attacks on the Burundi government, where many have died and churches been destroyed, the Burundi Conference has established two churches in the refugee camps in Tanzania. The gospel continues to spread!
6. The Lord that Pastors Hezron Nyaoro and Johnson Odoyo traveled together to a remote village in Tanzania where 11 people gave their hearts to the Lord.
7. The Lord that the ACGC Department of World Outreach was able to send a gift to assist the DRC with their relief effort due to financial contributions to our emergency assistance program.
8. God that a ministry opportunity has been presented in Rwanda for the Burundi Conference. Pray that the conference may move forward with this outreach.
9. God for the encouragement Pastor Chris and Melanie Barton brought as they traveled from Newport Center, Vt. to our churches in South Africa for a week in February.

## Please pray for the following ACGC Directors' and Coordinators' Activities

**Meredith Broadway**, *Coordinator of Educational Ministries*

**Pam Buchanan**, *Coordinator of Women's Ministries*

- April 28 – 29: Appalachian Pastor's Wives LEAD Team

**Matt Larkin**, *Director of Student & Family Ministries*

**Steve Lawson**, *Executive Director*

- April 21 – 22: Maine Conference
- April 29 – 30: Silver Spring, Md.

**Justin Nash**, *Director of Communication*

- April 9: Church of the Highlands, La Grange, Ill.
- April 10 – 12: EPA Convention, Lombard, Ill.

**Dawn Rutan**, *Director of Finance*

**Jeff Walsh**, *Director of World Outreach*