Sharing

The last part of my 5-week adventure in Thailand in Summer 2002 was spent along the southern peninsula with a team of volunteers lead by representatives of the Cru and Jesus Film organizations. We traveled by overnight train to Nakhon Si Thammarat and later back to Bangkok.



Scenery along railroad

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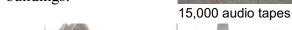
Hill and palms

The plan was to freely distribute in public these 15,000 audio cassette tapes of the 2-hour Jesus Film in the Thai language. The first day we simply walked around the city to become

familiar with it and meditate on our plan.



Some city buildings:





Team members



Exercise park



Resting in park



Rajabhat University Hotel, our base

Then we got to work. Each of us took a box of 100 cassette tapes and usually went into the market places to give away the tapes. We had been coached with Thai words expressing the tape as a gift. I think that the tapes were labeled in Thai print as to their content, which the people recognized. We were surprised by the hunger for our gifts. We often emptied our box of 100 tapes in about fifteen or twenty minutes and had to reload.



A general street scene

Vern with an emptied box

Surprised by the balcony picture



Mike at left still distributing tapes

Truck with mats of rubber from tree sap

Later we learned that the 2-hour Jesus Film had been recently shown at Eastertime on national television. The people wanted the audio tapes to review the movie content.

Next we were at a reception for the Thai cabinet Minister of Public Health, apparently for a

demonstration of the process of using natural plant dyes to color cloths.



The Thai Minister of Public Health

Cloths colored by natural dyes

Audience



Dye preparation

Mangostene leaves



Hoo Kwang leaves



Dyed cloths drying



Hoo Kwang tree

We visited the village of Khiriwong, a major source of marketable tropical fruits. The valley upstream had recently produced another flash flood with much destruction. We later had a tour of part of the river and saw the giant boulders moved by the floods. All of the trees lining the hilly landscape were hand-planted fruit trees of various types. There was discussion about the need for an early warning system for rainfall and flash floods.



Upstream hills

Large boulders in riverbed

Cemented boulders and shoe toe



We visited the Hosanna church and its youth group. Joining our team was Adrian Van Vactor, an illusionist who uses slight-of-hand in his presentations to get attention for his witness about Jesus. He gave presentations at subsequent locations and was my roommate back in Bangkok.



Adrian performing

These English Camp students at the university sat in stunned silence after viewing the 2-hour Jesus Film in English. They apparently understood its content very well.

We were given a last day at the Khanom resort beach hotel before returning to Bangkok.



Adrian's Doves: Faith, Hope, Charity

For the following pages I will show Thai plants, flowers, and fruit from a variety of locations.



Resort palms

Lonely beach

