

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



Hill and palms



Weak rainbow above field



Some of our team leaving the train



15,000 audio tapes

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.



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



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



Resort palms



Lonely beach

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



Lamyai trees



Rambutan tree



Mangostene tree



Lamyai fruit, black seeds



Right: Rambutan fruit



Mangostene fruit



Mimosa pudica vine before touch



Rice



Ferns



Sensitive vine after touch, curled leaves



Orange butterfly emerges



Red flowers on tree

