

Thailand GRN Conference 2011

On 27th March Joan and Kenny headed off to the 4 yearly GRN leaders' conference in Thailand. Sally our chairperson from the UK Board also joined us. This is a conference where the directors of each of our centres around the world meet for fellowship, prayer, mission business, fresh vision and a time to encourage each other.



After the 11 hour flight we arrived early on a bright sunny morning. On our three-hour mini bus trip to the Dolphin Bay guesthouse at the coast, the numbers of idols in the homes and buildings amazed me. Nearly every home and hotel had altars with flowers and decorations outside their buildings. The Bible tells us repeatedly, "Have no other Gods but me". I then began to think and ask, "What are our idols in the UK and in our western society?"

Are our houses, our money, our expensive cars, our latest mobile or ipods, our education, our career, our status and even our families...are these our gods and idols?" It seems very strange to me but after being there a few days, I began not to notice the idols...is there a sermon here? Maybe we begin not to notice and begin to fit in. Perhaps we need to reassess *what* or *who* we put first in our lives.



It was a really beautiful place and really close to the beach. The staff there was so good to us and we felt refreshed and encouraged being here in Thailand for the first time. The Thai people are lovely, hard working and very hospitable. For Joan and me it was great to meet many of the directors for the first time and to hear their stories of what goes on in their part of the world. There were over 30 countries represented and the common link was a passion to reach every language with

the Good News about Jesus. As each centre did their presentations, about our recordings, distributions, CDs, flip charts and language groups reached, I said to myself, "this guy sounds just like me" haha.

It was a wonderful time and we got to enjoy good times of worship and fellowship. On our day off we got to go on elephants and this was great fun and a





great day out. We pray for the people of Thailand many of who have never heard about the personal and unique Jesus who loves them and wants them to know Him as their own. We pray also for all our centres around the world that like ourselves have so many projects to be achieved and people to reach. Give them all they need Lord we pray to fulfil the great commission in our generation.

Thank you for praying for Joan, Sally and me. God Bless you.

Kenny.

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