



Shepherd's VOICE

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*"And he said
unto them, Go
ye into all the
world, and
preach the
gospel to every
creature."*

Mark 16:15



New School Year, New Faces

The new school year has started and we have a great set of new students. James, a student from Myanmar and also a pastor, is an example of the quality of students we are getting here at VBCI Thailand. James has numerous years pastoring but said he wanted to improve his understanding of church planting and, of course, upgrade his English.

One of our students returning from last year is Fulgence from Rwanda. Fulgence already finished his two-year diploma but wants to continue on to get his four-year theology degree. Fulgence is a good example of a hard working and diligent student. We are looking for great things from all of our students this year.

The first week at VBCI started off with outreach in the evenings and practical work during the mornings and afternoons. We

shifted the schedule a bit to so we could finish some renovations on the Lighthouse, where the students are housed. The next four weeks will be with Dr. Al, teaching on missions, and me with Old Testament Survey (first time I have taught this course). One thing I have learned about being a Dean of this Bible School, is you fill in where needed!

As for the past couple of months, me and



Elizabeth in our field of ginger.

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my family had the opportunity to travel north to Northern Thailand (very beautiful countryside). My wife's family is living on the border of Myanmar, so we went to visit them and also spent time in a village where we planted ginger last March. We are believing God ideas and income-producing ministries that will help national pastors in the future. Some of the ginger was harvested this past August and we will be about even with the income and expenses. We also raised some pigs last year and already sold them this past summer. We believe God is for us, and has great plans concerning some of these areas. You can believe with us that God gives us the wisdom and understanding in these areas to prosper the mission.

These past few weeks, I have been asked to minister to the home group here in Sriracha, whether it is ministering to the home group or preaching in the International Church, I

feel honored to minister to so many different people from different cultures. This past Sunday, I ministered in the International Church on the faithfulness of God. I truly believe one of the most important foundation stones in your life is that of a faithful God who loves you unconditionally. That does not mean He loves the rebellion and the attitude issues in our life, but that He is still there in the midst of what is wrong in our life. The Lord has given us precious promises to believe, but they must be followed up with obedience to His Word.



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