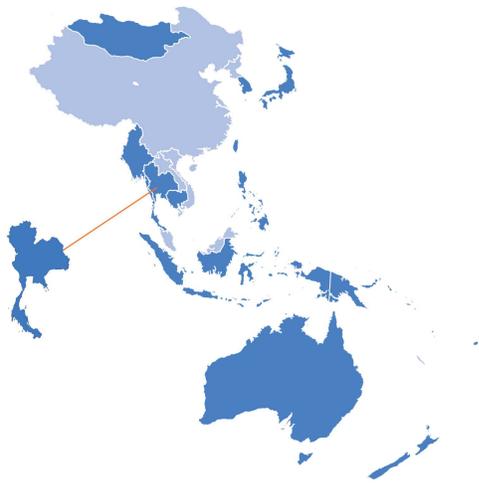


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Asia-Pacific Region



Thailand

Located in Southeast Asia, Thailand is a country that has never been colonized. It recognizes its traditional ‘founding’ date as 1238, with a long history (13th through 18th centuries) of Thai kingdoms seeking to establish stability in a region of conflict both within its borders and across borders with Burma, Cambodia, Laos, and the Malay Peninsula. In the 1890’s and 1900’s, the British and French forced the northern Siamese kingdom to cede Cambodian, Laotian, and Malay territories that had been under its control. It was established as a constitutional monarchy in 1932. There have been numerous bloodless coups and the exchange of power between military and bureaucratic authorities throughout its modern history. In 1954, Thailand became a US treaty ally, sending troops to Korea, and fighting alongside the US in Vietnam. The work of the Church of the Nazarene in Thailand began in 1989 through the generous giving of the Japan District Church of the Nazarene, and WEF giving around the world. Today, Thailand is dealing with an aging population, a shrinking workforce, and increased internal migration and foreign immigration from neighboring countries. This presents new challenges and opportunities for ministry.



2,137 Members



31 Fully Organized Churches; 6 Not Yet Organized Churches



19 District Licensed and 21 Ordained Ministers on 2 Districts

PRAYER



- Pray that the children's families will see the impact of this program and be drawn to the church community.
 - Pray for the millions of Burmese people who have fled to Thailand to find work and escape civil war in Myanmar.
 - Pray for these children as they seek to learn the Thai language and continue their studies within the school systems.
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PRAISE



- Praise God for the faithfulness of ministry leaders who see opportunities to connect with those who are far from their homes, and introduce the love of Jesus to them.
- Praise God for the early success of the New Creation Center Children's Ministry in Bangkok.



New Creation Center Children's Ministry to the Myanmar Diaspora in Thailand

The Church of the Nazarene is making a significant impact in the lives of at-risk students from Myanmar through the New Creation Center Children's Ministry, located at the Bangchalong Bethesda Church of the Nazarene. Strategically positioned off the main road in a neighborhood bustling with Myanmar workers, this center serves as a beacon of hope for children in the Myanmar diaspora communities of Bangkok.



Thanks to the generosity of Nazarenes everywhere, and supporters of special projects like this; by God's grace, the New Creation Center has achieved remarkable milestones that are transforming lives:

- **New Class for Young Readers:** A new class has been launched to inspire a love for reading among young learners, fostering their academic growth and creativity.
- **Student Progress:** For the first time, the center issued official report cards to advanced students, celebrating their hard work and achievements in front of their families.
- **Safer Learning Spaces:** The purchase of cabinets has improved storage and organization, creating a safer and more conducive learning environment for all students.
- **Staff Development:** To enhance community service, staff members have been provided with Thai language classes, allowing them to communicate more effectively with the families they serve.
- **Tech-Savvy Students:** The center is equipping students with essential technology skills, preparing them for future academic and career opportunities.



Most importantly, the New Creation Center is dedicated to sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ, nurturing both the spiritual and educational development of these children. Through this ministry, the Church of the Nazarene is shaping brighter futures, and empowering students to reach their full potential while fostering a strong sense of community and faith.

As this initiative continues to grow, its profound impact on the children and families in the Myanmar diaspora showcases the transformative power of Christ and compassion in action. For more information about the needs of the millions of Burmese people who have fled to Thailand, click [here](#).

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