

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We want to encourage you with a story from 2 weeks of miracles after miracles we just experienced! We know it's due to faithful prayers, and we thank you for praying and standing with us all these years!

Dee Dee's* mom was a sex worker in Pattaya, and her father was Malaysian, working as a broker finding women for hire. They both died young from AIDS, and Dee Dee was brought to live with us when she was just 6 years old. She was tiny, sickly and covered in sores, but there was a sparkle in her eye. Everyone who met her said the same thing, 'there is something magical about this girl.'

Dee Dee is now in her 2nd year university in Bangkok, studying to be a social worker. She studies hard, stays on the honor roll and is the president of her class. Recently, she called me very late one night, and asked if she could tell me a story and get some advice. Dee shared what happened that day during one of her classes. It was getting near the end of class, when all of a sudden, the whole room felt an evil presence take over the room. The students began to freak out and ask if other people were feeling the same dark presence. Everyone said they felt it, and suddenly they heard the sound of some-thing crying, moaning and then screaming in the classroom. The class only had 30 people in it, and no one made a sound.

The students and professor began to frantically gather their belongings and run out the door. Dee Dee sat frozen at her desk, praying silently. Her professor ran to her and grabbed both of her hands and said, "Dee! You must collect your things and run! There is an evil spirit or ghost here, hurry!"

Dee Dee packed her books calmly, and said, "I'm ok, I'm just praying. I'm not scared because Jesus is with me. You go ahead."

We prayed together over the phone. Next, we went through 'steps to freedom in Christ' over the enemy from Scripture. Over the years in Thailand, we often see the enemy tries to come like a flood right before there is fruit or a breakthrough in the Kingdom of God.

Then later that week, another late-night call from Dee Dee. This time, she was giddy! "I have another story to tell you!" she exclaimed. She had been in that same class again that evening. After class, her professor asked if she could talk to Dee Dee for a while. Her professor, a lovely woman about 45 years old named Dr. Kittaya Sari* began to ask Dee about Jesus. Dr. Kittaya shared that for the last couple of years, she had grown increasingly disillusioned with religion and making merit. She felt empty doing ceremonies and began to read about Jesus. At the same time, she had an American friend who shared Christ with her before she had to move back to America during Covid.

The last several months she had been crying out to Jesus and saying, "I need to know if You are real! Please help me know You." She heard a voice tell her to talk to Dee Dee after class. Dr. Kittaya told Dee that she had been watching her life the last two years and was always drawn to her because of her joy. Dr. Kittaya took Dee Dee and her fellow students on 'field trips' every Sunday around Bangkok to visit different temples doing social work projects, slums and other projects that needed social workers. Dr. Kittaya shared how she observed Dee Dee would not make merit at the various temples they visited, but was always joyful, cheerful and polite. She said, "Dee, why do you have so much peace? You are never fearful, yet you never make merit like the rest of us!"

Dee Dee shared the love of Jesus with her, and how He transformed her life from an abandoned orphan, to a daughter full of hope and joy. Dr. Kittaya asked Dee, "What do I need to do to be saved?" Dee gladly shared a

few Scriptures with her professor explaining salvation and grace. Then Dr. Kittaya said, "Could you help me do that right now?"

Dee Dee was shocked! In Thai culture, a professor is highly revered, and would never ask a young student to take the lead in such a personal matter. Dee Dee asked to hold hands with Dr. Kittaya, and led her in a tearful prayer of salvation right there. Dr. Kittaya began to cry and told Dee how she felt Jesus physically enter her life while they were praying. She felt a wave of peace and a jolt of hot fire go through her. Then she shocked Dee even more and gave her a very tight hug, something also highly unusual in Thai culture. Dee Dee then shared a few verses with her from the New Testament about Jesus wanting her heart, and not offerings or merit made to idols. Dr. Kittaya was relieved to hear this. She shared that she felt empty giving money and food to idols; that it made no difference to her real life.

Pray for us, we are trying to meet together weekly at the university to study the Bible.

I told this story to one of our supporters 'Tony', and he cried. He said, "You guys, if the ONLY reason you started ALH years ago was for this one story and this one lady, it was all worth it."

Leviticus 19:4 "Do not turn to idols or make metal gods for yourselves. I am the Lord Your God."

Please pray for Dr. Kittaya and her new faith, that she would grow and bring many people to Christ.

Please pray for Dee Dee to continue sharing her faith in Jesus freely on her university campus.

*Not their real names.

Blessings,

***Karen and Ricky and girls,
Serving with Multiply in Thailand***

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