

# Thailand Bible School Report

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*"... the same commit  
thou to faithful men,  
who shall be able to  
teach others also ..."*  
(2Ti 2:2)



Dear Friends of the Thailand Bible School,

These past three months have been an eventful period in the work here in the nation of Thailand. After nearly three years of effort for purposes of providing Bible education for aspiring ministerial candidates, we have graduated the first nine students. All of these students have passed their UPC General Board of Thailand examination to qualify for ministerial licensing, and their licenses will be conferred in the annual Thai General Conference in February 2002. As of this writing one of the students (back row second from right) has taken oversight of the school construction and will be act as Dean of Students and have oversight of the school administration. His wife, who holds a degree in education, also has agreed to act as secretary for the school. The continued success of the school will depend very heavily upon this fine couple and others like them.



The husband and wife pictured on the front row left are now teaching in the school part time and both feel called to continue in the teaching ministry full time. We believe it is the will of the Lord that they gradually take over the majority of the teaching burden over time. Both are excellent scholars and are very dedicated, spiritual saints.

All but one of the remaining students are presently interning in different churches in Thailand that are without pastors. These young men are being a blessing to those churches and have been well received. There is a great need for trained ministers in Thailand and we are thrilled that the Lord has provided

meaningful opportunities for these recent graduates to help established churches which lack pastors. Over time these graduates will establish other churches of their own and the work in Thailand will continue to grow.

Another exciting event these past few months is commencement of construction on the buildings for the new 10,500 sq. ft. Bible school. The drawing on the right is the artist's concept of the planned school with each of the buildings labeled. The percentages show the current progress of construction for each of the five buildings. The photo at the bottom shows the recent construction progress of the first three buildings, along with the pump house and water tower (extreme left). We hope to have the construction completed by June 2002 with capacity for up to 32 students plus staff. Please keep this construction and future operation of the school in your prayers.

